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## ❖ HSU College faculty to strike

Miranda Hutchison

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HUMBOLDT STATE – Humboldt State faculty members may go on a five-day strike in April.

Michael Camann, president of the California Faculty Association, Humboldt State's faculty union chapter, said faculty across all 23 California State University campuses will go on a five-day strike beginning April 13 if they do not get a raise.

The union and HSU are currently in the fact-finding stage of the labor negotiation process, in which a representative from both parties meet with a neutral party with a goal of reaching an agreement.

The union maintains that the only way to avert a strike is for California State University Chancellor Timothy White to raise the faculty's salaries by five percent before the strike date.

"We're showing students how working people stand up for their rights," Camann said.

Camann, who teaches biology at HSU, said a strike would mean students would not have class for a week, turning a 15-week semester into

STRIKE ❖ A2

Paul Mann  
MAD RIVER UNION

SACRAMENTO – State authorities caution there is no guarantee Congress will appropriate disaster relief for California's ravaged crab industry, despite the growing economic damage to the North Coast's crab fishermen, their crews and their families.

Although state lawmakers are hopeful Gov-

ernor Jerry Brown's Feb. 9 request for federal disaster relief to U.S. Commerce Secretary Penny Pritzker will gain approval, they are far from certain Congress will go ahead and grant the money.

"This is not a slam dunk – there's no certainty we're going to get this funding," Second District Assemblymember Jim Wood (Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, Trinity and northern Sonoma

counties) warned last week. He spoke at an omnibus hearing in Sacramento of the legislature's Joint Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture.

The Brown administration is wary, too. Charles Bonham, chief of the Department of Fish and Wildlife, testified, "I would not advise anybody to gamble on how the congressional appropriations world works. I think we need to

CRAB AID ❖ A4

## Aid for crabbers 'no slam dunk'



UNTIL THE VIOLENCE STOPS



RISE UP VDay coordinator Jessie Hobba, above center, and hundreds of local students braved the rain Friday on the Arcata Plaza for One Billion Rising, a worldwide event in which participants danced to protest violence against women.

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## Ocean behavior alarming, puzzling

Paul Mann  
MAD RIVER UNION

SACRAMENTO – The chief of California's fish and wildlife agency opened his testimony in quiet but forbidding tones last week.

"Something's going on in the ocean and it's not right," Director Charlton Bonham of the Department of Fish and Wildlife warned at a hearing of the legislature's Joint Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture in Sacramento.

He testified that menacing changes are altering both marine biology and ecology and the changes do not fit historical understandings of ocean behavior.

Bonham declared grimly, "This should be an exclamation alarm to the general public to stay aware and engaged in the ecological change going on in the ocean."

He summarized the troubling progression:

• The department has closed the sardine fishery.



Charlton Bonham

• A "marked decline" has hobbled market squid landings.

• Widespread and wasting disease in sea stars has led to the loss of most of that species.

• A substantial and widespread loss of bulk kelp habitat has occurred north of San Francisco along the Redwood Coast.

• As a result of the kelp decline, most of the red urchin population has perished, moving from abundance to scarcity in just a few years. "Mile-long stretches of the North Coast [are] urchin barrens," Bonham stated.

• Warm water species such as wahoo, a gourmet tropical and subtropical fish, "are showing up farther north in greater numbers than we have ever seen before."

• There have emerged "very never-seen-before things like sea snakes washing up on Southern California beaches."

• The salmon outlook remains unfavorable in the wake

OCEAN ❖ A4

## ❖ HILLER SPORTS COMPLEX

## Mack Town's war on gophers

Jack Durham

MAD RIVER UNION

MCKINLEYVILLE – McKinleyville is waging a full-blown war against gophers at the Hiller Sports Complex.

The rascally rodents have been burrowing under the baseball and soccer fields, creating holes and tunnels that eventually collapse. Not only does the damage cost the McKinleyville Community Services District (MCSD) a few thousand dollars a year in field repairs, it also poses a hazard to players.

The gopher tunnels are often so shallow that they can collapse under people's feet. If this happens at the wrong angle, ankles could be broken. The district had been dealing with the gophers the old fashioned way – by setting traps.

"We were setting about 70 traps a day," Opera-

tions Director James Henry told the MCSD Board of Directors Feb. 3. This was a labor-intensive method of controlling the vermin.

The district decided to try a more long-term solution.

MCSD Manager Greg Orsini said it was staff's belief that most of the gophers were coming from the wetland area north of the playing fields. So the first course of action was to build a barrier.

A couple of weeks ago, a crew dug a trench roughly three feet deep to bury a landscaping fabric that repels the gophers.

The next step was to destroy the holes and the gopher tunnels that crisscrossed the fields. Henry was able to purchase a used Rodenator locally. The device mixes the proper proportions of propane and

GOPHERS ❖ A8



BAM! Blake Stewart, left, and Eric Martin blow up a gopher tunnel real good at the Hiller Sports Complex.

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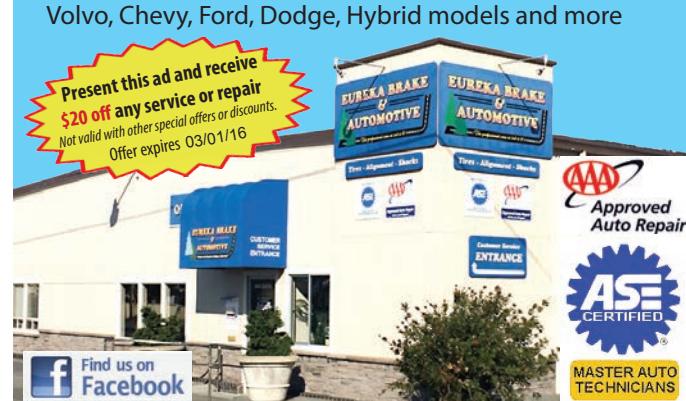
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Tuesday, March 1, 2016, 6:00-7:30 p.m.  
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**EVER-MORPHING CORNER** The southeast corner of Eighth and H streets at Jacoby's Storehouse has evolved over the years. Left, the city's new ADA-compliant, traffic-calmed, pedestrian-friendly plan. Right, an undated photo of the Brizard Building, with elegant circular steps connecting the Eighth and H streets' sidewalks.

MODIFIED CITY OF ARCATA IMAGE, LEFT; HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS, RIGHT



## Two years' worth of town-wide improvements on the way

**Kevin L. Hoover**  
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA — Hot pink surveyors' markings on the corner of Eighth and H streets are a fluorescent foreshadowing of big changes coming to that corner as well as many other locations around town.

It's all part of the city's \$230,000 2015 Asphalt and Concrete Project. This year's project includes multiple improvements all over town, some of which were held over from last year when city Public Works forces were focusing on the Foster Avenue Extension and Bicycle Boulevards projects.

The Plaza's vintage, weathered bike corral and steps will be demolished begin-

ning as soon as next month, with an elaborate new multi-modal corner treatment to follow.

Along with new steps, ramps, rails and bike racks, the sidewalk across Eighth Street will be relocated to the east, directly in line with the entrance to Jacoby's Storehouse.

"This was a complicated one," said Netra Khatri, assistant city engineer. "A challenging design."

Among the challenges were keeping up with ever-changing accessibility laws. The current corner setup is out of compliance, while the new one will reconcile multiple modes of safely traversing the space.

Interestingly, while the new design in-

cludes a handicapped ramp, the layout at that corner from more than a century ago may have included some sort of step-free walkway as well.

An undated photo that must have been taken after the 1907 expansion of the Jacoby Building (see above) shows a ramp next to an elegant, curving set of steps delivering pedestrians to H Street.

That ramp, however, appears to peter out on the unpaved street, while the new one connects to the current H Street sidewalk and pavement.

Another re-do involves an updated bulb-out outside the side entrance to Abruzzi.

Other projects include a bus stop and bulb-out on Chester Avenue at Beverly

Way; a bus stop with bulb-out and relocated bicycle rack at Zehndner and S streets; a sidewalk and handicapped ramp on Butter-milk Lane at Bayside Road; a bus stop with bulb-out on G Street north of 16th Street; a bus stop with shelter, section of sidewalk and handicapped ramp at Zehndner and Q streets; a bus stop shelter and bulb-out at 850 Crescent Way; a handicapped ramp at Seventh and F streets, plus a driveway for the alley just north of City Hall; a bus stop bulb-out at 11th and Q streets; a bus stop bulb-out on 11th Street at K Street; a bus stop bulb-out mid-block on 11th Street between F and G streets; and a much-needed new bus stop for Sixth and H streets at the Hospice Shop.



**FLAVOR FAVORITES** Local food producers offered tastes Friday in the sunny dining area of Wildberries Marketplace. Pat Knittell of Wrangletown Cider, Diane Hunt of Diane's Sweet Heat and Aliana Powell of Humboldt Made were on hand to offer tastes of cider, jam "with attitude" and Cypress Grove Chevre. Humboldt Made "meet the maker" tastings are always the second Friday of the month, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the store.

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## Scholarships offered to Arcata students

**SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF ARCATA**

ARCATA — Soroptimist International of Arcata is offering three Cynthia Schwenson scholarships to local students. Two awards in the amount of \$1,500 and \$1,000 are available to seniors attending high school in Arcata.

Also, an award in the amount of \$1,500 is being offered to a local student attending Humboldt State University. The club has previously awarded over \$92,000 to students in our local area.

To be eligible for the high school scholarships, an applicant must be a graduating senior and must be entering a junior college, four-year college or university, or vocational school. Applications must be completed and returned to the counselor at Arcata High School by Monday, March 7. Applications are now available in the

Attendance Office at Arcata High School.

The HSU scholarship is available to a student who graduated from a high school within Northern Humboldt Union High School District and plans to attend HSU during the 2016-17 academic year, who will attend HSU beyond the first year freshman year and shows financial need.

Applications are available at [humboldt.edu/finaid/scholarships.html](http://humboldt.edu/finaid/scholarships.html), at the Financial Aid Office at College of the Redwoods ([Scholarships@Redwoods.edu](mailto:Scholarships@Redwoods.edu)) or by contacting Soroptimist of Arcata at [starcata@soroptimist.net](mailto:starcata@soroptimist.net).

Application deadline for the HSU scholarship is March 15. Completed application can be mailed to: Soroptimist International of Arcata, P.O. Box 388, Arcata, CA, 95518. For further information, call Patti Clinton, Scholarship Chair, at (707) 822-9494.

## All about our best frenemy, plastic

**ZERO WASTE HUMBOLDT**

EUREKA — Zero Waste Humboldt (ZWH) hosts a presentation on plastic food and beverage packaging by environmental toxicologist Dr. Julie Layshock at the Humboldt Bay Aquatic Center, Thursday, Feb. 25 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Her presentation, "Clearing Up the Confusion About Plastics," will be useful to Humboldt County's food product manufacturers, restaurants, delicatessens, festival vendors, school cafeterias and anybody who buys food packaged in plastics.

"This is everything you've always wanted to know about plastics but were afraid to ask," said Erika Guevara Blackwell. "I've never heard anyone explain the chemistry of food and beverage plastic packaging as well as Dr. Layshock."

Plastics are an increasing part of the waste we generate. Plastics industry environmental claims are misleading and confusing. Layshock will explain the limitations of these claims and identify factors that lead to plastics ending up in the landfill instead of recycled or composted.

Layshock teaches chemistry at Humboldt State University, serves on the ZWH Board of Directors and advises its public education program. She was a principal research scientist at Battelle Institute, and served as lead investigator on a food packaging analysis for the North Coast Co-op.

Suggested donation of \$10 at the door to support ZWH's services. RSVP at [contact@zerowastehumboldt.org](mailto:contact@zerowastehumboldt.org).



**THAT PLUCKY PAUL** Arcata's always-revered Mayor Paul Pitino took a break from his ceaseless routine of pomp-filled ceremonies and gala receptions to participate in the weekly Plaza Clean Up held Fridays at 1 p.m., organized by Community Pride & Peace and the City of Arcata. Undaunted by drizzling rain, His Eminence's practiced dexterity from scooping up hors d'oeuvres and daintily polishing his pince-nez served him in good stead as he surgically plucked cigarette butts and other debris from a Dihydrogen Monoxide-engorged Plaza gutter. Each Paul-picked item was one less bit of muck otherwise destined to wind up on a beach somewhere. KLH | UNION

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## Closure imperils crabber livelihoods

**Paul Mann**  
MAD RIVER UNION

CALIFORNIA — Unpaid rent and boat loans, missed mortgage payments, insurance costs, looming taxes, drained grocery money, hocked savings and diminished retirement funds — these constitute the privation and desperation of North Coast crab fishermen and their families, besieged by the unparalleled stoppage of their industry.

Tim Sloane, executive director of the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations, told a legislative panel last week, "All these families are feeling the hurt."

A \$60 million annual fishery "hasn't produced a penny this year," Sloane testified, forcing crabbers to sell a salmon boat to save a crab boat, resort to odd jobs and spend down their often meager savings.

Especially worrisome, he said, is the impact on young people who are new entrants to the business. If they have to turn to other careers, the ranks of the next generation needed to build the industry may be depleted, he observed.

Lori French, president of Central Coast Women for Fisheries, who has been in the business for more than 30 years with her husband, told lawmakers that since the shutdown, she has been besieged with phone calls, emails and Facebook postings.

"I have fishermen from Lawson's Landing south of Santa Rosa to Crescent City calling me pretty much from seven o'clock in the morning until about nine o'clock at night, asking for help," she said.

She has told fishermen to go to their local food banks — "which is really, really hard to do" — and to the Salvation Army.

"The reports I'm getting back from different ports are, 'The Salvation Army told me to get a job.' She dismissed the implicit reproach as unrealistic.

"We're in limbo. You don't just tie up your boat and get a job, because we're thinking we might fish soon and we're hoping we might fish soon."

A good friend of the family who is a fifth generation crabber is working for tips in San Francisco on a sightseeing boat, French lamented.

Composed, but indignant and aggrieved for her community, she avowed, "I cannot begin to explain the toll that this has taken on family life and the psyche. Because guys are very, very, very depressed."

French concluded, "It's kind of bullshit when people whose job it is to provide food have to ask for food."

## Dungeness crab toxicity a vexing issue

**Paul Mann**  
MAD RIVER UNION

SACRAMENTO — Lifting California's ban on crab fishing depends on registering two weeks' worth of test results that show levels of a neurotoxin called domoic acid are no more than 30 parts per million (ppm) in crab viscera and 20 ppm in crab meat.

With recent samples below alert levels, the belated opening of the commercial Dungeness crab fishery could occur as soon as this week. That is according to a communiqué issued Feb. 11 by the state's Department of Fish and Wildlife, in consultation with the Dungeness Crab Task Force Executive Committee.

Statistics published Feb. 12 by the California Department of Public Health and based on six samples taken Feb. 1 showed an average domoic acid level for Crescent City north of 2.5 to 21 ppm. The Crescent City south reading was 2.5-17.

Feb. 2 readings for Trinidad north averaged 28 ppm; Trinidad south 4.9-25 ppm.

In Eureka, the Samoa average was 14 ppm; the Eel River reading was 21 ppm.

Six samples were taken in each test and all three locations exhibited toxic levels both above and below the 20 ppm regulatory threshold.

It is these divergent and persistent

fluctuations in acid levels that throw the lifting of the ban into continuing doubt. And state authorities are worried that 2016 may see more of the large and long-lasting algal blooms that produce high volumes of domoic toxin, as happened last year.

Although several weeks of tests have been reassuring in some coastal areas, state public health agencies have cautioned against eating crab viscera (internal organs, "butter" or "guts"). Water or broth used to cook whole crabs should be discarded, not used as sauces, soups or stews, the agencies say.

When whole crabs are cooked in liquid, domoic acid may leach from the viscera into the cooking liquid. The viscera usually contain much higher levels of domoic acid than crab body meat.

The historic crab shutdown and the likely persistence of warm Pacific waters have triggered intensive debate in Sacramento and in the industry about whether the 30 ppm and 20 ppm regulatory levels are the right ones.

At a hearing last week of the state legislature's Joint Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture, Dr. Clarissa Anderson of the Institute of Marine Sciences faculty at UC Santa Cruz said rock crab have been found with levels as high as 1,000 ppm; Dungeness crab 270 ppm; mussels up to 270 ppm. Very high levels have been found in razor clams, ling

cod and other rock fish.

She described crab viscera as "extremely hot" — sky-high acid levels — and anchovies as "extremely contaminated."

Much more needs to be understood about how the toxin affects vertebrates, Anderson testified. It is an ongoing area of study "and I will not be popular in this room when I say that a lot of the recent research indicates that maybe our [20 ppm and 30 ppm] thresholds are not strong enough. I don't know what's going to become of that and it's going to be an FDA [Food and Drug Administration] issue," which is already being debated internally.

What is known, Anderson continued, is that humans who subsist, for example, on razor clams in the Pacific northwest, with chronic exposure to low levels of domoic acid, experience definite physiological effects. She did not spell them out but said as a reference point that the brains of California sea lions "are extremely damaged from lifetime exposure. We need to figure out what those acute [threshold] levels should be" for humans.

Lawmakers, industry leaders and scientists agree that California will have to finance millions of dollars in extensive research to determine the enduring effects of domoic acid and how best to regulate it for public safety.

## Crabbers query how they can use SBA loans

**Paul Mann**  
MAD RIVER UNION

NORTH COAST — North Coast crab fishermen want to know if they could use federal disaster aid to repay long-term low interest loans being offered by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

The short answer is state officials don't know yet.

Lawmakers promptly raised the question at a hearing last week in Sacramento.

to of the legislature's Joint Committee on Fisheries and Agriculture.

Panel members told Brown administration officials that crab fishermen in their assembly and senate districts are reluctant to apply to the SBA unless they have assurances they could cover the borrowing through a subsequent congressional appropriation. There is no certainty Congress will fund

Governor Jerry Brown's request for disaster assistance.

If the money is forthcoming, could it be applied to SBA loans, lawmakers wanted to know.

Director Charlton Bonham of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife answered, "It's not clear. It's a hyper-technical question. There is not much experience in California with federal disaster aid" of this

kind.

Bonham agreed the issue is important and indicated that SBA workshops are being launched to respond to such questions. Part of the answer could hinge on strings, if any, that congressional appropriators might decide to attach to relief aid.

Approval must come first from the U.S. Commerce Department, which houses

LOANS ♦ A8

## Ocean | 'What if these things keep happening?'

♦ FROM A1  
of last year's drought-driven collapse.

Salmon fishermen should begin anticipating further restrictions on ocean catch, Bonham cautioned, because the department has already confirmed degraded stocks.

He explained, "It looks as though the 2015 escape numbers, meaning the fish going out, which harvests are tallied with

for both the Sacramento and Klamath Falls chinook, are going to be below their target levels."

The Sacramento winter run "really raises the existential threat of extinction," he testified, because of the limited pool of cold water from Shasta needed for the temperature management that is crucial to species survival.

Asked to address the fateful nexus be-

tween crabs and salmon — many crab fishermen are salmon fishermen — Bonham apologized for his many "spoiler alerts," as he called them at last week's hearing.

Given the conjunction of factors warming the Pacific, such as El Niño and The Blob — a warm water mass from Mexico to Alaska — toxic contamination generated by algal blooms may spread well beyond crabs and urchins, raising

sinister unknowns, Bonham predicted warily.

"Why not more and more species one right after another?" he asked. "I'm thinking down the line, 'What if these things keep happening? What will we do if there are two years like this or three years like this or four or five years like this?' I think that's a policy discussion we should start to frame now."

Far-reaching research is needed to shore up lagging science, Bonham, lawmakers and industry witnesses agreed.

## Crab Aid | Officials leery of Congress helping out

♦ FROM A1  
be very careful in controlling expectations."

The hearing spotlighted larger changes in ocean chemistry and ecology that may be harbingers of worse to come, not only for crabs, but also for other fish species, officials fear.

But the immediate issue is the future of the state's \$60 million annual crabbing industry, partially shut down indefinitely because of high levels of a neurotoxin called domoic acid in Dungeness crabs.

Acid content has spiked to risky levels, driven by voluminous algal blooms in the Pacific's warming coastal waters. The toxin accumulates in crab meat and is potentially poisonous to humans, although the threshold of the health threat is in doubt and disputed (*Union*, Dec. 8, 2015).

Through the end of January, the Dungeness sector lost at least \$48.3 million, Bonham told the joint committee. The governor's relief request also applies to commercial rock crab fishing and that sector has lost about \$385,000.

Sen. Mike McGuire, Second Senate District, joint committee chair, said that if federal help does clear congressional hurdles, apportioning the aid must take into account

the economic damage beyond the crab sector itself, to its ancillary enterprises. He mentioned crab processors, crab gear companies and grocery store owners, who will need federal assistance, too. Likewise, harbor districts and counties that operate ports are losing slip fees.

No matter what the scope of the aid is, Bonham replied, "We'll have to build a structure that ensures transparency and fairness with the allocation of funds."

The dollar value of the losses is a crucial factor in the awarding of federal disaster relief. "For Dungeness we believe we've already seen a 71 percent impact, relative to the annual five-year run; on rock crabs, about 37 percent," Bonham testified. Under federal rules, he explained, "When you get really close to 80 percent or just above it, it's almost mandatory that the Commerce Department considers it to qualify" for disaster relief.

However, state officials are leery of Congress coming up with the money for good reason. Congressional budget negotiations involve a bewildering morass of competing and conflicting fiscal demands, steeped in timeless horse trading.

Adding to the tangle, Congress adopts two budgets each fiscal year, which starts Oct. 1. The blueprints are distinct but overlap and they are poorly synchronized.

The first in the sequence is called the authorization budget, which sets recommended ceilings for federal line item expenditures. But the ceilings are guidelines, not binding.

Actual check-writing power rests solely with the second

budget, called appropriations. Congressional appropriators, among the most powerful lawmakers because they control the purse strings, can either honor or ignore the authorization levels as they see fit. Annual budgets run two gauntlets, both of them fraught with delays and reversals.

In this presidential and general election year, funding priorities are especially contentious on Capitol Hill. California's congressional delegation will have its hands full garnering votes from their nationwide colleagues for crab disaster relief.

Strongly indicative of this, Republicans have categorically rejected President Obama's \$4.1 trillion Fiscal 2017 budget blueprint, including a "dead-on-arrival" White House request for a \$10 per-barrel tax on oil to finance clean transportation initiatives. It has no chance of passage. The national debt stands at \$19 trillion and is climbing; pressures to curb spending are enormous.

The political storm engulfing the Senate over the successor to Supreme Court Associate Justice Antonin Scalia will further distract Congress from comparatively routine business like disaster aid. "It's going to be a hard fight in Congress," Tim Sloane, executive director of the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations, told the committee. Disaster relief for the North Coast's crabbing fleet is not remotely imminent, if it materializes at all amid 2016's historically contentious and volatile presidential and congressional campaigns.

On the positive side, Brown asked early for two actions: Federal declarations of a fishery disaster and of a commercial fishery failure.

Getting ahead of the curve is important, said John Laird, director of California's Natural Resources Agency. Part of the difficulty is that sometimes Uncle Sam waits until the end of a fishing season before recognizing a disaster, he said. The governor's requests already are lodged with federal officials and now "it is on their plate" to move in a timely manner.

For the interim, Laird noted, the U.S. Small Business Administration is offering low-interest disaster loans of up to \$2 million to tide over both the Dungeness and rock crab fisheries. Fishermen are somewhat doubtful however, about the viability of the loans (*see story, above*).

**MCKINLEYVILLE OUTREACH** Humboldt County Department of Health & Human Services Mobile Outreach will be at the McKinleyville Family Resource Center on Tuesday, Feb. 23 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Visitors can receive assistance with CalFresh, MediCal, In-Home Supportive Services, veterans services and child support. Humboldt County Mental Health Clinicians will provide on-board counseling and link clients up with supportive case management. (707) 441-4650

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# PUBLIC SAFETY

## McKinleyville suspect busted after robbery

### EUREKA POLICE DEPARTMENT

EUREKA – On Saturday, Feb. 13 at approximately 8:04 a.m., the Eureka Police Department responded to a report of a robbery at a business in the 3500 block of F Street in Eureka.

The clerk stated that a male subject entered the business, placed a handgun on the counter and demanded money.

The suspect left the business with an undisclosed amount of U.S. currency. No one was harmed during the robbery.

A description of the suspect and the vehicle in which he was seen leaving the area was obtained and broadcast to all allied law enforcement agencies in Humboldt County.

At approximately 8:20 a.m., an officer with the California Highway Patrol spotted the vehicle traveling south on U.S. Highway 101.

When additional units arrived, a felony car stop was conducted on the suspect vehicle on Eel River Drive near Fernbridge Drive.

The suspect was detained without incident. An EPD

sergeant responded to the scene and took custody of the suspect.

The vehicle was searched and a loaded Glock 9mm handgun was located along with U.S. currency believed to have been taken during the robbery. An additional weapon, an AR-10 assault rifle, was located and is currently being held as evidence pending further investigation.

The suspect was transported back to the scene of the robbery and positively identified by the clerk.

The suspect, James Bender, 54, from McKinleyville, was arrested and subsequently booked at the Humboldt County Jail on suspicion of robbery. Possible additional charges are pending the completion of the investigation.

The Eureka Police Department thanked the California Highway Patrol and the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office for their valuable assistance with this investigation.

This is an ongoing investigation and anyone with any information is asked to contact Sgt. Patrick O'Neill at (707) 441-4081 ext 1104.



James Bender

## Victim suffers 'good morning' greeting, twice

### • Thursday, January 21 9:51 p.m.

A woman's bicycle was stolen from behind her Spear Avenue home.

**10:55 p.m.** A man reported someone "recruiting people to try to hurt him and his cat."

**Sunday, January 22 6:01 a.m.** A man walking on Buttermilk Lane reported an encounter with another pedestrian, who said "good morning" to him.

The man didn't respond, so the other guy said "good morning" again.

He ignored that greeting as well, upon which the felicitous stranger walked down the street until he was picked up by someone in a burgundy-colored van, which drove away.

**12:44 p.m.** A woman's car was burglarized overnight on G Street, with the thief making off with her loose change, iPhone, \$300 in gift cards, some clothes and her Ugg boots.

**Monday, January 23 1:53 a.m.** A male-female yelling match in Valley West was altered in strange and mysterious ways by his being high on LSD.

**10:48 p.m.** A woman known as "Angel" was reported selling drugs outside a 10th Street health clinic, and had several glass pipes in her pockets. She was gone on officer arrival.

**11:43 p.m.** An orange cat with a Ziploc bag covering its head wandered around near the Bayside Post Office, but several concerned neighbors were unable to catch it to remove the bag.

**Sunday, January 24 10:56 a.m.** A woman whose son was about to be released from a mental health facility



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❖ ARCATA  
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following an assault two days previous made threats and said he was going to "finish the job."

**Sunday, January 24 Noon** As children enjoyed a birthday party in the community room of a Boyd Road apartment complex, a dreadlocked man with holes in his sweatpants came in and ate some of the kids' food, then wandered away.

**Monday, January 25 2:41 p.m.** A disheveled man in pajama bottoms stood outside a Plaza coffee shop with a sign asking for money. He briefly screamed at passing drivers and took off some of his alleged clothing, then left the area.

**Tuesday, January 26 10:34 a.m.** McKinnon Court hosted mysterious activity, with a swarm of flashlight-equipped dudes on bikes searching through trash cans and peering into parked vehicles. One morning, the bicyclists were seen around a house whose garage door was open. Inside were several "odd" stainless steel cylinders that looked like medical equipment. They may have something to do with the chemical odors wafting from the house.

**1:11 p.m.** A panhandler positioned himself near the computerized money slot outside an F Street credit union, aggressively telling customers that they share its emissions with him. Instead of dollars, he got a talking to by police.

**Wednesday, January 27 2:19 p.m.** A citizen was called on the phone by someone in Mexico claiming to be a relative who had been in an accident and needed \$20,000 right away.

**Thursday, January 28 1:31 p.m.** A scamster called a Seventh Street resident claiming to represent the College of the Redwoods bookstore. He needed the resident's credit card for a "book purchase."

**4:19 p.m.** Mail keeps getting stolen from a Valley East Boulevard mailbox.

**7:19 p.m.** A woman driving past a fenced section of Alliance Road heard a loud boom, then her driver's side window shattered.

**Friday, January 29 1:33 p.m.** A man-woman verbal abuse team outside a Valley West restaurant alternately panhandled passersby and regaled them with insults.

**7:22 p.m.** A man near the Community Center was seen injecting something into his arm with a syringe, which he then placed into a belt bag.

**Saturday, January 30 11 p.m.** Two men and a blameless dog made off with a basket of unpaid-for groceries from a Uniontown supermarket. Police found them near the freeway overpass and made an arrest.

**Sunday, January 31 4:10 p.m.** A woman said she was on the phone with her daughter, who said she had taken something called "Special K." The girl then stopped responding, but the mom thought she could hear her breathing.

## Squabbling sisters, savage dogs & feral men

### • Wednesday, January 27 8:08 a.m.

On A Street in Blue Lake, a car window was smashed in an apparent burglary attempt, but nothing was taken.

**9:48 a.m.** A resident came home to discover that the garage door to her house on Anderson Avenue in McKinleyville was pried open and \$10,000 worth of stuff was missing.

**2:08 p.m.** A 7-year-old student allegedly hit a school principal in Trinidad and possibly another student with a stick.

**Thursday, February 4 10:53 a.m.** A McKinleyville Middle School student came to school, but then left campus and got super drunk before returning. The kid was taken to Mad River Community Hospital, then cited for public intoxication.

**Friday, February 5 3:05 a.m.** A husband with a penchant for popping pills was verbally abusive on Raymar Road in Blue Lake. Report taken.

**3:18 p.m.** A man was reportedly making inappropriate gestures to female students as they got off the bus in Blue Lake. Deputies arrived and quickly determined that the poor fellow, who was making nonsensical statements, was severely disabled. He was taken to Semper Vires.

**5:34 p.m.** In the 3000 block of McKinleyville Avenue, two sisters got into a raging argument. The juvenile son of one of the sister's then kicked the back door of the residence, causing about \$350 in damage. Report taken.

**Saturday, February 6 4:14 p.m.** A resident came home to a house on Underwood Court in McKinleyville and discovered that someone had broken through a sliding glass door and stolen jewelry and cash.

**Sunday, February 7 10:37 a.m.** A guy that goes by the name "Hillbilly" allegedly used a glass orange soda bottle to smash in the back window of a man's car on McKinleyville Avenue in McKinleyville. Although the victim is pretty sure that Hillbilly is responsible for the vandalism,



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❖ MCKINLEYVILLE  
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he doesn't know the suspect's real name or where he lives.

**12:23 p.m.** Deputies investigated suspected embezzlement by an employee at a business on Sutter Road in McKinleyville.

**3:30 p.m.** Someone forced their way through a sliding glass door and stole stuff from a house on Lynnea Court in McKinleyville.

**3:58 p.m.** In the 1600 block of Central Avenue in McKinleyville, Richard Wangberg was stumbling in and out of traffic. As a deputy patted him down during an arrest for alleged public drunkenness, Wangberg became combative and had to be taken to the ground until backup arrived. Next stop: county jail.

**7:11 p.m.** A woman arrived at a Super Bowl party to pick up her son. The baby daddy, Daniel Smith, allegedly followed his ex-girlfriend into the bathroom and tried to have sex with her. Smith was arrested on suspicion of domestic battery.

**Monday, February 8 2:35 p.m.** A woman was jogging on Mad River Beach when two dogs attacked and bit her. The owner of the savage beasts didn't even bother to make contact with the woman to see if she was OK and just kept on walking. The woman had to go to Mad River Community Hospital in Arcata to get treated for her wounds.

**4:32 p.m.** A deputy pulled over Corey Holsinger in Orick because the vehicle he was driving did not have a front license plate. The deputy discovered that Holsinger had a warrant for his arrest and was allegedly in violation of a domestic violence restraining order that prohibits him from being near a woman who was in the car with him.

She claimed she was there voluntarily. A State Parks ranger was called in to help because of the large amount of driftwood in Holsinger's vehicle. Holsinger was arrested and booked into the county jail on suspicion of violating the restraining order and for a warrant.

**4:32 p.m.** Someone fraudulently opened a Verizon Wireless account under the name of a man who lives on Blue Lake Boulevard in Blue Lake.

## Mack Town menace gets another chance

### Jack Durham

#### MAD RIVER UNION

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REKA – Jason Balke, who

has a history of robbery,

stabbing, assaults, thie-

very, drug possession and

probation violations, has

been given another chance

to walk the straight and

narrow.

Earlier this month, the court ordered Balke to spend a year in jail due to his most recent probation violation. But there's

a caveat. Should he make pro-

gress in the jail's Drug Court pro-

gram, he could be released into a

residential treatment facil-

ity. That means that he could be

back on the streets sometime

this year.

Balke has a long rap sheet that includes as-

saulting his girlfriend, pet-

ty thievery, public intox-

ication and possession of

meth and syringes.

Last year was a par-

ticularly eventful one for

Balke. In January 2015 he

was arrested on Park

Road in McKinleyville af-

ter he threw a knife at a

man and then hit him over

the head with a bottle.

In May 2015, Balke tried to

rob the 76 Gas Station on

Central Avenue in McKin-

leyville using a large river

rock as a weapon. Three

months later, in August,



Jason Balke

Balke had another explo-  
sion of violence when he  
used a box cutter to stab  
two people on Park Road  
in McKinleyville.

For that crime, he was  
sentenced to five years in  
prison, but that term was  
suspended and he was re-  
leased Jan. 5 of this year.

News that Balke was  
released lit up the McKin-  
leyville Community Watch  
Facebook page, with resi-  
dents wondering how the  
menace could be allowed  
back on the streets of Mack  
Town to further victimize  
the community.

But Balke's days of freedom were short lived. He failed to check into a drug treatment program within four days of being released, as required under the terms of his probation. Deputies arrested Balke on Jan. 14 for the probation violation.

District Attorney Mag-  
gie Fleming said that Balke  
admitted to the probation  
violation during a hearing  
earlier this month.

"The court reiterated to  
the defendant that the exec-  
ution of his five-year sen-  
tence remains suspended,  
but if he fails to complete  
his obligations with the  
drug court program, he  
will face the five year pris-  
on commitment," Fleming  
stated.

## Deputy flips cop car

### CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

WILLOW CREEK – On the afternoon of Thursday, Feb. 12, a Humboldt County Sheriff's Office patrol vehicle rolled over causing minor injuries to the driver.

At approximately 4:58 p.m., a Humboldt County Sheriff's deputy was driving a 2013 patrol vehicle east-bound on State Route 299, near mile post marker 32.

At the time the deputy was responding to an in-pro-  
gress call of a physical altercation in the Hoopa area. For  
reasons still under investigation, the deputy lost control  
of the vehicle, which left the roadway and collided with a  
dirt embankment causing it to roll onto its roof. The  
vehicle came to rest within the roadway. The deputy sus-  
tained minor injuries as a result of this traffic collision.

Humboldt Area CHP is investigating this collision.

## Suspect nabbed for car theft

### HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

HOOPA – On Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 6 p.m. a deputy with the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office was on routine pa-

tron on Highway 96 near downtown Hoopa.

The deputy noticed a blue 1986 Chevrolet Suburban driving southbound on Highway 96.

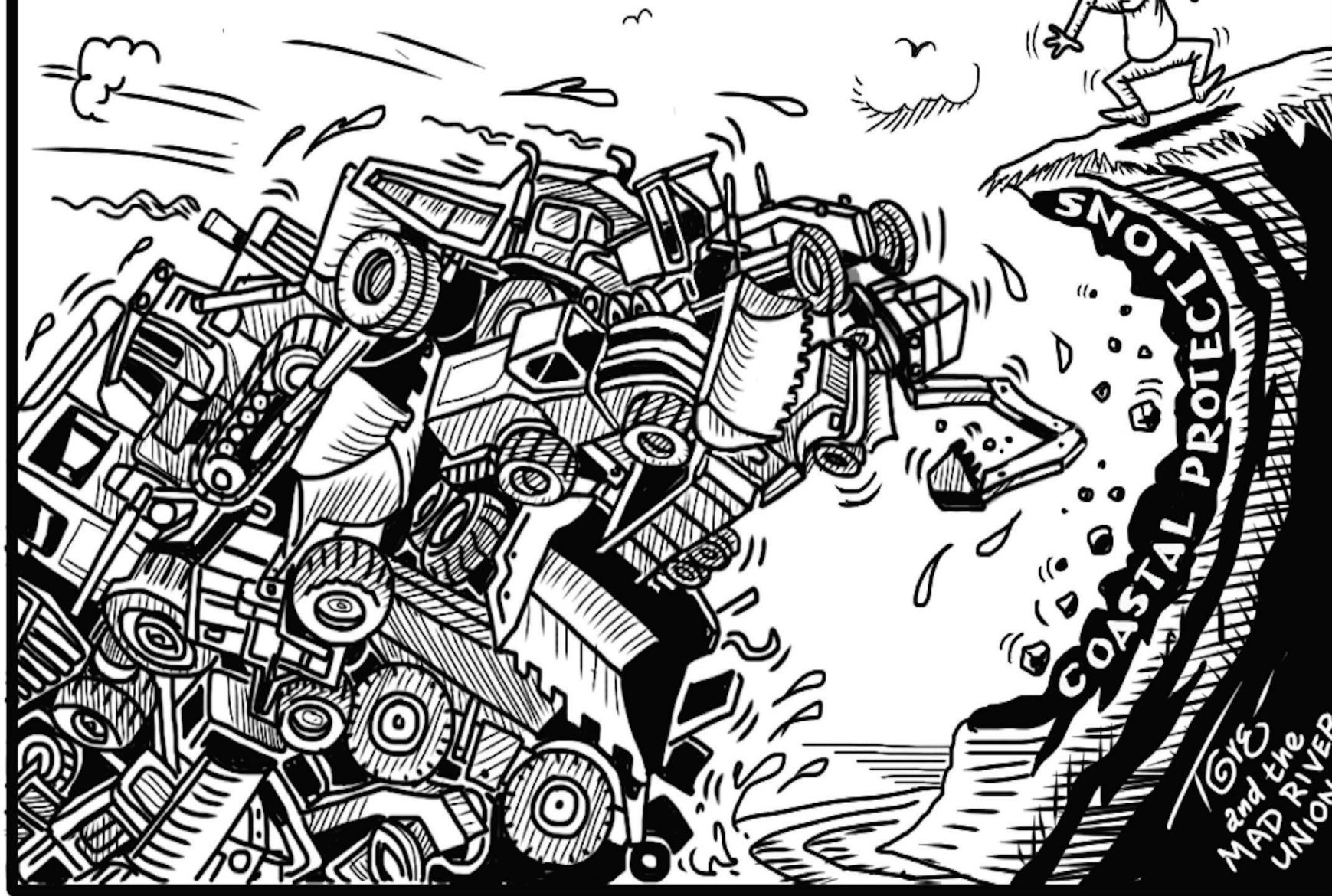
The deputy recognized it as possibly being a vehicle  
that was stolen during a residential burglary in Hoopa  
on Jan. 21. The deputy followed the vehicle and ran its  
license plate through the communications center.

The communications center notified the deputy that  
the vehicle was reported stolen.

The deputy, with assistance by a second deputy then  
conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle at Bair Road at Highway 96.

# OPINION

## SNEAKER WAVE



News item: Cabal of moneyed developers and compliant members of the Coastal Commission work in concert to fire the land use agency's executive director. The ouster effectively exposes California's 1,100-mile coastline to fresh attempts by developers to overturn hard-won protections and construct new projects in pristine areas.

## Employment and the ironic arc of history

Fifty years ago, the *Mad River Union*'s towns looked very different than they do now. Then, it was common for a young man to go straight from high school to a job at the mill where his father and uncles worked. Within a few years, unless he behaved badly, he'd be earning enough to marry his high school sweetheart and buy a house.

His wife wouldn't need to work outside the home, but she'd dress up to go shopping. She wouldn't need to avoid the Plaza for fear of being harassed, either. Timber was King and commercial fishing was Crown Prince.

Tourists were enthusiastic recreational fishermen who were happy to hole up in dilapidated shacks between forays to the rich waters. The few who brought their wives and children looked for slightly nicer accommodations, but a 15-foot travel trailer was considered high class.

A few weeks ago, the owner of one of the last lumber mills in the county announced it will be shut down within weeks. Nearly 125 jobs will be lost locally, although some of those employees may apply for vacant jobs elsewhere. There were 52 openings listed on the company website, about two-thirds of them in California.

I'm always looking for irony in events, and the mill closure occurred shortly after Wing Inflatables secured a community development grant that allows the company to expand its business. Wing had already absorbed some of the mill workers laid off when the Korbel mill closed last year. Manufacturing inflatable boats is different from manufacturing lumber, but many of the same skills are involved.

Wing provides small boats to our own and allies' military services and

recreational rafters. More orders means more workers, and the company expects to hire at least 77 new employees.

Fifty years ago, founder Bill Wing had just moved to Humboldt County with his family. Ten years later, his Electric Rafting Company was the farthest thing from the lumber business. It was part of the "hippie" culture which was built on ways to enjoy the natural environment without damaging it or using it up. Wing went on to build the finest inflatable small boats, and when his market was disrupted by cheaper, lower quality competition, he led the company to overcome the challenge.

Business has been turned on its head in half a century. The "rules" that gave resource-extraction companies priority here – and elsewhere – no longer apply. The tilt toward the retail and hospitality sectors has changed everything.

Humboldt State University drove much of that change. Students from out of the area fell in love with the beautiful county and wanted to stay. Often, the only way they could do that was to start their own small businesses.

When their families visited, they too loved the beaches, rivers and forests. It became commonplace for the parents of former students to retire, cash out their homes down below and move here. Retirees boost the local economy because their income is spent here, but most of them don't compete for scarce jobs.

Niche food and beverage products have become one of Humboldt's most lucrative economic sectors. A college town always has plenty of hungry and thirsty students to serve as a test market for new products. It doesn't take hundreds of thousands

of dollars to start a small food or beverage business.

Local communities, especially Arcata, have helped by providing development opportunities such as access to shared commercial kitchens. Some of the little start ups are now selling nationally, an outcome few would have predicted 50 years ago.

That typical couple is now living a life they never could have imagined. In the 1960s, she wouldn't have purchased goat cheese and her husband wouldn't have bought micro-brewed beer. As they approach their 70s, they can't afford to retire. His mill lasted longer than most; when it closed he opted for the lump-sum pension payment and invested it, following his son-in-law's advice.

That looked like a good deal until 2008. By the time it all shook out, their portfolio was down almost 90 percent. Luckily, the house was paid off, so they were able to take out a new loan on it.

They needed the money, because their other daughter was lost to drug addiction and they were raising two grandchildren. He worked as a security guard for a few years, until his arthritis got so bad he couldn't manage all the walking. Now he clerks in a convenience store.

She watches children before and after school at home. It doesn't bring in much money, but the costs are low. Between them, they make enough to pay for their supplemental medical insurance and out-of-pocket expenses.

It isn't what they dreamed about, but it could be worse. One of his buddies owns a crab boat. This year, that's an economic disaster.

Elizabeth Alves saw the old Humboldt County as a child. Comments and suggestions are welcome care of the *Union* or to [mysidestreet@gmail.com](mailto:mysidestreet@gmail.com).

## Needed: the 40,000-foot... no, the 100-mile view on housing

The Feb. 3 *Mad River Union* carried a front page report on proposed housing projects that, if completed, will have significant impacts on Arcata. The City Council and staff met with planners from Humboldt State University to consider the implications of growth beyond the current capacity of existing infrastructure, by which is meant sewage treatment, streets, bus routes and so on.

Not all the projects are related to HSU, but continual growth of the size of HSU enrollment needs some discussion. When

Councilmember Sofia Pereira was running for office, she mentioned growth of the student population at HSU as one of her main concerns. It is a good thing to have a university in our town. It enriches our cultural life and adds to our racial and social diversity.

But a university determined to follow a pattern of continual growth is a problem.

The university already owns quite a bit of

land in Arcata. The new building is planned outside its current holdings. HSU doesn't pay property taxes and the cost of upgrades to infrastructure will fall on non-HSU residents.

Besides that, the nature of the university system is changing. It is relying more on part-time and adjunct faculty, with fewer full time and/or tenured professors. At the time that HSU planners were meeting with the City Council, the statewide CSU faculty was meeting to organize a walkout over salary and staffing issues.

To me, there seems to be a disconnect between this desire to continually increase the number of students paying ever higher tuition while decreasing the number of tenured and full-time faculty.

Where does the concern for the quality of the education being offered fit into this scenario? What about all the existing graduates who can't find a good job? Are we going to see a discrediting of university instructors similar to what happened to public school teachers?

Last year, the *San Francisco Chronicle* reported on the huge budget the university system has designated to send its chancellors all over the world to promote the California State University system and generate more enrollment. I don't remember the exact figure, but it was an impressive amount of money, more than enough to buy them all a ticket on the next rocket launch to outer space. It might be a good idea to send them there. Perhaps they would benefit from a new perspective.

Mary Ella Anderson appreciates the clear and sunny weather and the chance to get out in the garden, but hopes for more rain in our future.

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# OPINION

## If only we could find a common definition of 'common sense'

### City Council: get the best recycling deal for Arcata

Dear Councilmembers,

I am writing in regard to your stated intention to reconsider Eel River Resource Recovery's (ERRR) contract proposal to process Arcata curbside recycling at your Feb. 17, 2016 meeting.

They are offering a better price than your current processor's, materials will be processed locally at the Samoa processing facility and ERRR is willing to sign a two-year contract, which would allow Arcata to participate in a 2017 HWMA (Humboldt Waste Management Authority) Regional Recycling Request For Proposal process, should enough HWMA member governments sign on to the MOU to make it feasible.

Five years ago, against your city's opposition, HWMA chose to have an out-of-area company haul locally-collected recyclable materials to Solid Waste of Willits' (SWOW) Ukiah facility for processing. The loss of business forced the Arcata Community Recycling Center (ACRC) – at that time, the longest-operating recycling center in the nation – out of business. The community lost a resource that cannot ever be entirely replaced.

Users of the center were proud to be environmentally responsible and, guided by the robust outreach and public education efforts of the center, they made it possible for the center to sell the highest quality, lowest contaminated commodities nationally as well as internationally, for premium prices.

Moreover, more than 35 local jobs were eliminated.

Loss of the recycling center and reliance on SWOW processing meant consumer-sorted curbside-collected materials were now mixed together, resulting in significantly higher contamination of marketable materials and a resulting reduction in commodity value.

The tradition and habit of consumer sorting may be gone for now, but we now have an opportunity to regain those precious entry-level jobs.

Shortly after HWMA's 2011 recycling contract decision, HWMA responded to the public outcry about the loss of local processing jobs and capacity by embarking on a strategic planning process. The public played a prominent role in shaping its inclusive and stakeholder-based process.

The outcome was the HWMA Board adoption of a 10-year plan at its May 2013 meeting. The plan emphasized creating a more sustainable, region-based materials management system; integral to the plan was a return to locally processing recyclable materials.

As one of HWMA's member agencies, the City of Arcata voted to approve this plan, its goals and strategies.

Throughout late 2014 and early 2015 the Arcata City Council, city staff and many of its citizens were actively engaged in the preparation of a draft HWMA Regional Recycling Request For Proposals (RFP), which was circulated last spring in anticipation of the approaching end of SWOW's five-year contract with HWMA.

The HWMA board and executive director prefaced the draft RFP's release by

explicitly describing the existing contract with SWOW as an interim measure, and they declared a desire for a longer term, local processing solution. Underscoring this was the top goal of the RFP – to contract with a material processor that would provide: "Low-cost and efficient local recycling, receiving and processing services." Companies proposing materials be processed locally – thereby creating local jobs and reducing environmental impact – would receive more points in the proposal evaluation process.

The draft RFP was endorsed by the Arcata City Council.

Prior to taking this position, the council received Zero Waste Humboldt's document, titled *Humboldt County's Regional Recycling Processor – Our Expectations* in which local processing was identified as a vital component of a more sustainable, coordinated approach to regional recycling. As the council was informed, HWMA received over 60 letters from members of the public endorsing the expectations list; as many as a half of those letters came from Arcata residents.

The council is now being asked to consider entering into a contract with an established local processor to process Arcata's curbside materials at the state of the art facility formerly owned by ACRC. And at a price that is better than what SWOW is charging.

I would hope the council will see this offer for what it clearly is – a no-brainer. If the council is going to act consistently with its past positions and policies of the past five years I've described above, you will accept ERRR's offer and restore much of the damage done when locally-collected recyclables were nearsighted outsourced.

Sincerely,  
**Jud Ellinwood**  
Eureka

### Uri's common senselessness

My objection to Mr. Driscoll's stance on protection of threatened and endangered plant species has nothing to do with his traits. I question his judgment. As an applied scientist (aka engineer), I find it morally repugnant when prospective leaders (aka politicians) embrace any convenient modern miracle that has resulted from the scientific method and reject all scientific findings they deem inconvenient.

It is duplicitous at best when people who are completely reliant on the Internet, cell phones, medicine, electricity, sanitation, physics and chemistry reject nettlesome scientific findings in the fields of biology, ecology, toxicology and climatology. I personally think science is the study of the Divine.

I do not believe that science alone can solve big problems, but neither can politicians that are untethered from tangible reality. Indeed, misapplied science has created a long list of problems that could fill at least a year's worth of *Mad River Unions*. But, we must strive to understand the scientific causation of big problems in order to know how to actually solve them. Modern leaders must embrace scientific consensus if they are to forge public consensus around functional solutions that are in everyone's mutual best interest.

If Mr. Driscoll was not potentially my elected county representative, I would probably have let his incoherence go unchallenged, as I typically do when my scientifically oblivious family in Texas rattle on about the invalidity of evolution, climatology and environmental science over their smartphone. But, someone that thinks their "common sense" conclusions should trump those derived by scientific consensus does not deserve a position of leadership at any level of my government.

Mankind's accomplishments via scientific consensus are the only reasons that we emerged from the Dark Age, the U.S. won two world wars, and this sublimely artful assemblage of modern local journalism doesn't require an army of monks to transcribe it.

In addition to the iPhone, the scientific method has allowed my generation the amazing privileges of seeing man land on the moon, indescribably beautiful images of our universe from the Hubble Space Telescope, and positive changes in the trajectory of our environment resulting from the passage of the Endangered Species Act, Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, Safe Drinking Water Act and the National Environmental Policy Act.

The Cuyahoga River no longer spontaneously catches on fire (now, it only happens when an oil train gets derailed). Hurrah science! People in Flint, Mich. are getting poisoned by bad environmental decisions made by simple-minded politicians (at least we found out). Hurrah science! And, if money is really your god and it's just about dollars, the number of people who will come see beach layia or Humboldt Bay wallflower in the future is infinitely larger if we conserve indigenous dune ecosystems than the number who will come to see them if they are foolishly (and illegally) allowed to go extinct.

I'm certain that Luddites felt quite sincerely and passionately that the world ahead was destined to be better when they attempted to tear apart the applied science that was so objectionable to them at the dawn of the Industrial Age. As a life-long conservationist, I understand the Luddites' pathos and fear of misapplied science. But there can be no doubt that they were on the wrong side of history, and are mocked to this day for the foolish notion that they could stop scientific advancement.

So, let's not foolishly elect any more leaders with egos so big they must occlude the consensus perspective of thousands of scientists, who have all dedicated their careers to the study of seemingly small, but vital components of our Divine Universe.

**Brad Job**, civil engineer  
Arcata

### Youth Soccer thanks

All of us at Mad River Youth Soccer League would like to thank the City of Arcata, its councilmembers, the Parks & Rec Committee and City of Arcata staff for their support of installing a futsal court at the Arcata Sports Complex.

A free and open futsal court will allow everyone in our community to play, regardless of ability to pay and without having to sign up for a program. The futsal court will be a great addition to the panoply of out-

door recreation available to children and adults in our area.

Our thanks and appreciation also goes to Kirk Cohune and everyone else at Greenway Partners, and to Humboldt Area Foundation, for turning the futsal vision into reality.

The support and involvement of the Humboldt Soccer League, AC Samoa, Indoor Sports and our wonderful soccer community in Humboldt County has also been invaluable.

Our greatest thanks goes to Paul Swenson, who had the vision, drive and tenacity to keep the project moving.

See you on the (futsal) pitch!

**Tim Canning**  
President, Mad River YSL  
Arcata

### Pancake breakfast thanks

On Feb. 6, the Arcata High School Career & College Center hosted our ninth annual pancake breakfast fundraiser in honor of center founder, Jackie Foote.

The Career & College Center helps students plan for their next steps after high school, whether that means going on to college, entering the workforce, joining the military, traveling for a gap year or pursuing other goals.

The pancake breakfast raises over 50 percent of the annual budget needed to operate the center. The breakfast is a community event supported by numerous service clubs, volunteers and businesses from throughout our community.

We would like to thank our 2016 sponsors for making this year's breakfast a fun and successful event.

Thank you to Aalps, Evans & Company, Arcata Chamber of Commerce, Arcata High School Interact, Arcata Mad River Ambulance, CJ Ralph, Coast Central Credit Union, Cypress Grove Chevre, Graphics 360, HealthSPORT, Humboldt Live!, Hunter, Hunter & Hunt, LLP, Jackson & Eklund, Jeff Stebbins, Jessica McKnight Taxes & Consulting, Joyce Hinrichs Watson, Joyce Lopes, Linda Sundberg Insurance, Lost Coast Rotaract, Luke Visger State Farm, Matt Babich, Meredith Hyland, North Bay Rotaract, Plaza Professionals, LLC, Ralph Davis, Remax Humboldt Realty, Rotary Club of Arcata Noon, Rotary Club of Arcata Sunrise, Scott Hunt, Soroptimist Club of Arcata, Sunny Brae Animal Clinic, Sun Valley Group, Susan Hansen, SwagTag, Teresa Clark & Marty Lay, Tigers Inc., Tomas Jewelry, Vaissade Mortgage Company and Willard Foote.

We invite the community to join us again next year for our 10th annual breakfast, scheduled for "Super Bowl Saturday," the day before next year's Super Bowl.

Sincerely,  
**Jim Ritter & Darcy Robins**  
Arcata High School Career & College Center

If you do nothing else, sign your letter with a real name and include a city of origin, plus a phone number (which won't be published). Email letters to [opinion@madriverunion.com](mailto:opinion@madriverunion.com).

### ❖ FIRST OF A SERIES

*Note: From now until the June 7 election, the Union will feature weekly responses from Third District supervisorial candidates on a range of questions about issues they'll have to deal with in office. The candidates are given up to 200 words to address the questions; the responses are unedited. – Ed.*

## What will you do to reduce homelessness in Humboldt County? Is there a realistic solution, or is perpetual management of this crisis the best we can hope for?

In communicating with the DHHS director, various nurses and doctors, homeless people living on the street, homeless advocates and everyday people in the community we agree that homelessness is complex and we will not find one, permanent solution.

Mentally unstable people need specific types of care.

The criminal element needs to be handled by law enforcement.

Drug addiction recovery services need to be more available. The small Suboxon program at the Open Door Clinic would need to be expanded.

Those that lost a home from medical bills, the loss of a job or other means of support could use a no in-

terest loan.

The homeless community and the human beings in it need to maintain and redevelop their sense of dignity. Many are not going to be able to hold down

jobs. Tiny house villages may not be the end all to homelessness, but I am convinced that establishing a small pilot village is absolutely worth doing.

It all comes down to jobs. We need to make sure that those less fortunate also have a way to contribute to our community.

**H**omelessness is a very real problem in virtually every community in our nation. Many circumstances may be involved, including lack of economic opportunity, housing scarcity and mental health challenges. The homeless population includes many veterans

and families with children.

In the Third District, I will continue to support efforts of Arcata House and its proactive strategies for keeping families from becoming homeless, such as rapid rehousing and eviction prevention.

Because Humboldt County homelessness seems to be concentrated in Eureka, I support

collaboration between the county and the city. I believe the recent Focused Strategy report's "housing first" emphasis is a good direction to pursue. Ultimately, safe, clean housing is needed to stabilize people's situations so that other issues can be addressed.

I also support Humboldt Housing and Homeless Coalition's work to bring agencies and organizations together, and appreciate Affordable Homeless Housing Alternatives' efforts to bring new solutions to the table.

As your supervisor, I will advocate for long-range planning that includes meaningful investments like the Arcata Bay Crossing project and land-use policies that create more affordable housing. I will also draw on my experience as a project engineer and harbor commissioner to help seek collaborative solutions and needed funding.



URI DRISCOLL  
MIKE WILSON



**FIRE SAFE** Fieldbrook School's second graders recently visited the Fieldbrook Fire Department for a fire safety intensive. Students spent two and a half hours at the station learning how to "drop, tuck and roll," the importance of getting an exit plan for potential house fires and even learned how to hook up a hydrant. Left, firefighter Ester Kilian with Tallulah Sommer, Mason Blaire and Ben Oram. Right, firefighter John Bracklow with Sienna Pulley. "We covered a lot of territory," said Cam Appleton, long-time volunteer firefighter. Appleton said the goal was to give kids a "thorough understanding of what's expected to be safe in the home." He added, "Maybe we got some future recruits!"

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#### ◆ BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

## Measure Z covers \$1 million for road repairs

**Daniel Mintz**

MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT — Humboldt County's mid-year budget adjustments include channeling \$1 million into road repairs and \$533,000 into expansion of rural substance abuse, child welfare and mental health services.

At its Feb. 9 meeting, the Board of Supervisors considered and took actions on recommendations related to the county's budget for this year and next.

Measure Z, the county's public safety sales tax, is under-budget by \$2.5 million in the current fiscal year and that allowed the use of \$1 million of its funds for road repairs and maintenance. It also allowed funding for the various social services, including substance abuse treatment.

Department of Health and Human Services Director Connie Beck said substance abuse and mental health services are particularly under-funded now.

Supervisors also approved using about \$113,000 in unspent Measure Z funding on the North Coast Substance Abuse Council's addition of five additional residential drug treatment beds.

The county is also struggling to keep up with maintenance of its roads. A \$200 million backlog of needed road work is steadily grow-

ing and Public Works Director Tom Mattson said he could "easily spend \$1 million" before the end of the year.

Before supervisors approved that amount of Measure Z funding for road work, Mattson said the most pressing need is replacing culverts challenged by an El Niño-influenced winter.

"Unfortunately, we have a real winter and that means we've got some severe damage that we have to deal with, we can't just take all of our money and try to spend it to keep our good roads good because we are losing roads," he continued.

Mattson said there is "a huge number of culverts" that need immediate replacement. "Culverts are bad everywhere in the county," he said, adding that it does not make sense to resurface roads before replacing their degraded culverts.

There was discussion about whether the Measure Z spending fits the tax measure's public safety mission. Supervisor Rex Bohn quoted from the measure's statement to voters, which mentioned the need for road repairs and social services funding.

"It doesn't do us any good for our rural fire departments if they can't get to where they're going safely," Bohn said.

Supervisors voted to transfer the

remainder of the unspent Measure Z funding for use in the next fiscal year, which begins July 1. Supervisors also made numerous budget adjustments, including adding a position to the Agricultural Commissioner's Office for implementation of medical marijuana regulations. They also approved launching a pilot program for tracking and tracing medical marijuana.

Also up for consideration is a major departmental reorganization that would combine the county's Department of Environmental Health, Planning and Building Department, Code Enforcement Unit and most public works functions into a new "development and resource management" department.

Another proposed reorganization would combine the Auditor-Controller's Office with the Tax Assessor's Office, an action that would need voter approval due to its effect on elected officials.

Transferring the county's vehicle and facilities management out of the Department of Public Works into a General Services Department did not gain support from Mattson or supervisors, but no decisions were made on the proposed consolidations.

Instead, supervisors directed administrative staff to further develop the consolidation proposals and bring them back as a separate agenda item at a future meeting.

Supervisors voted to call the building the McKinleyville Teen and Community Center.

The decision makes official the name that was already being used in the planning and early building stages of the center.

Construction on the center is continuing at a brisk pace, according to MCSO Manager Greg Orsini. The interior sheet rock is completed and painting is underway. The building should be completed by April.

Meanwhile, the district is working with the Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods on a plan for managing the teen center when it opens this summer.

## Gopher | McK teen center named

#### ◆ FROM A1

oxygen together to create a combustible gas that is pumped into the holes. The gas is then ignited and — bam! — there's a blast of dirt into the air and the tunnels are collapsed. The blast also kills the gophers.

With gophers eradicated at the Hiller Sports Complex, tunnels destroyed and a barrier in place to limit

new gopher infestations, the sports complex should soon be relatively gopher free. If a new hole is discovered, the Rodenator can be deployed before new tunnels spread.

The public will have an opportunity to help out on Saturday, Feb. 27, when the MCSO holds a Hiller Sports Field Work Day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Volunteers are invited to

come to the Hiller Sports Complex and fill in all the holes and collapsed tunnels. Bring a shovel, gloves and a wheelbarrow if you have them. Beverages and a barbecue lunch will be served.

The Hiller Sports Complex is located off Hiller Road west of U.S. Highway 101. Call (707) 839-9003 for more information.

#### Teen center named

The teen center under construction at Pierson Park received an official name at last week's meeting. The MCSO Board of Directors voted unani-

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## County gets a grip on vacation rentals

**Daniel Mintz**

MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT — Short-term renting of vacation homes is a growing but unregulated industry. Humboldt County supervisors are now reacting to the controversy by pursuing new rules.

Development of an ordinance that will set permitting and performance standards for vacation home rentals was kicked off at the Feb. 9 Board of Supervisors meeting. Supervisors directed planning staff to develop an ordinance through the county's Planning Commission, with final approval by the board. The action is a first step in a regulation process that will set rules for traffic, noise, parking, events and other activities associated with short-term rentals of homes to tourists and visitors.

In a presentation to supervisors, planning staff members said the benefits of economic development will be weighed against the impacts of renting homes in single-family neighborhoods for visits of less than 30 days.

Supervisors were told that with the advent of rentals brokered through Internet companies like Airbnb, complaints about neighborhood disruptions have increased. Staff also reported that owners of vacation homes have said they want a process in place that will govern their business.

Westhaven resident Don Allan was one of several residents of the area who described vacation rentals as a commercial enterprise that can conflict with neighborhood standards.

"The neighbors end up paying the costs of having these commercial endeavors in their neighbor-

hoods," he said, adding that "a lot of the issues could be resolved if there are onsite managers."

Several owners of vacation homes and representatives of companies that make them available said they are serious about carrying out their business responsibly.

Mike Reinman, owner of Redwood Coast Vacation Rentals, which rents 83 vacation homes in the region, said there are ways to make sure rentals are compatible and he supports setting rules for doing so.

"One of the things we do is to have property managers available 24/7 and we have them living in the areas where the houses are," he continued. "That's really important for us, so we can respond quickly and be proactive as well."

Others involved in renting vacation homes also said they support regulations and view them as a means of giving their industry more credibility.

Board Chair Mark Lovelace thanked those who spoke and said their comments will help guide planning staff as they work on a new regulatory ordinance.

"There are concerns based upon the impacts of something that so far we have not regulated," he continued.

Lovelace summed up the most commonly-voiced concerns, saying that water and septic capacity, traffic, parking, noise, clustering of rentals and having onsite management are issues that need to be analyzed.

Supervisors unanimously voted to initiate an ordinance process to allow the permitting of single family homes as vacation rentals.

## Loans | Low interest

#### ◆ FROM A4

NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) and its National Marine Fisheries Service and National Ocean Service.

The SBA's Sacramento office announced Feb. 3 it would immediately begin offering Economic Injury Disaster Loans of up to \$2 million with a 30-year term and a four percent interest rate for small businesses. A 2.6 percent rate would apply to private, nonprofit organizations.

The SBA said loans could be used for fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and "other bills that can't be paid because of the disaster's impact."

SBA service representatives are scheduled to circulate along the North Coast to explain borrowing procedures and assist with filling out applications.

The loans are for fishermen crippled by closure of the commercial Dungeness crab and rock crab industries.

SBA's disaster declaration encompasses 15 California counties, including Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Mendocino, Siskiyou, Sonoma and Trinity.

The agency acted on its own authority in response to a request placed by Governor Jerry Brown's office on Jan. 27.

## Wesleyan Church of the Redwoods

Pastor Chuck Clark

Prime Time Connection

at 9 a.m.

Coffee/fellowship

at 10 a.m.

Traditional worship

at 10:30 a.m.

Bible Study

7 p.m. Wednesday

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# Honoring five generations



HUMBOLDT AREA FOUNDATION

HOOPA/BAYSIDE – The Humboldt Area Foundation Community Center is currently hosting local Yurok artist Kristi J. Smith's work now through June. Smith's work honors five generations of artists in her family, the McKinnons of Morek Hill, with a specific purpose: to create and spread awareness of the heritage of the Yurok Tribe.

Smith's parents grew up in Hoopa on the reservation. Although she was born and raised in Butte County, her family exposed her to their culture at a young age through storytelling and their collections. Her work features photographs from her family's collection including baskets, both traditional and made for trade, ceremonial items, jewelry and traditional Indian money (decorated dentalia), from the 19th and 20th centuries. Through her

art she hopes to continue her family's legacy and tell the story of her culture.

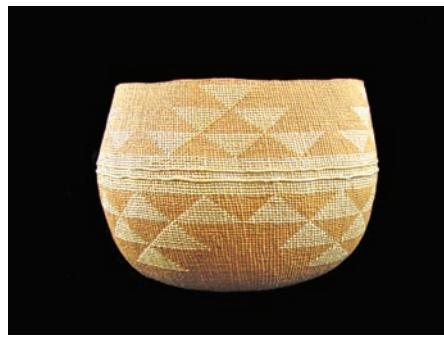
"I have always known my family's collection of baskets and regalia was special," Smith said. "Growing up, I knew the basket collection was unique compared to my peers. When Nettie lived with us, I knew what she was doing [weaving] was unlike anyone else I knew. As I grew up, I began to understand what role in history we are a part of. I now seek out stories, knowledge and am passionate about, not only the baskets and regalia, but their designs and their place in our history."

Smith enjoys selling her work at retail locations, including local museums, throughout the North Coast. Her art and apparel line can also be found at events, which she has recently started attending and through Native Women's Collective. Smith also sells direct through her website at [yurokdp.com](http://yurokdp.com).

Humboldt Area Foundation invites the community to visit the Community Center, located at 363 Indianola Rd. in Bayside, to enjoy Smith's canvas display weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. through June 1.

**DETAILS & DENTALIA** Yurok artist, above left, Kristi J. Smith shows work honoring five generations of her family. At right, from top to bottom: Dentalia Stack, Acorn Pot and Medallion Abalone Necklace. The exhibit is at the Humboldt Area Foundation Community Center until June.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS



**GUITAR GAL** Eliza Gilkyson performs at the Arcata Playhouse this Thursday.

PHOTO BY SCOTT NEWTON

## Grammy nom guitarist plays

### ARCATA PLAYHOUSE

CREAMERY DISTRICT – Over the course of 13 albums, Eliza Gilkyson has built a reputation as one of the most original and influential troubadours of our time. Join her and guitarist Nina Gerber as they stop in at the Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St., on their 2016 West Coast tour on Thursday, Feb. 18.

Gilkyson is a two-time Grammy-nominated singer, songwriter and activist who is one of the most respected musicians in folk, roots and Americana circles. Her songs have been covered by Joan Baez, Bob Geldof, Tom Rush and Rosanne Cash and have appeared in films, PBS specials and on prime-time television. A member of the Austin Music Hall of Fame, she has won countless Folk Alliance and Austin Music awards, including 2014's Songwriter of the Year.

Her music has always offered a vivid reflection of the times we live in, full of joys and sorrows, each song a window into a life of struggle and triumph in a world she feels is poised on the edge of moral, economic and environmental bankruptcy.

On stage, Gilkyson presents a vibrant mix of laugh-til-you-cry storytelling, political diatribe, love songs ranging from the global to the most intimate, and some of the best support players in the world.

The evening's special guest, guitarist Nina Gerber, has performed and recorded with Karla Bonoff, Peter Rowan, Nanci Griffith, Greg Brown, Lucy Kaplansky, Mollie O'Brien, Dave Alvin, Rosalie Sorrels, Laurie Lewis, Terry Garthwaite, and Kate Wolf, with whom Gerber started her musical career. Her album *Good Music with Good People* features outstanding live performances with Jackson Browne, Bruce Cockburn and Gilkyson, among others.

Doors open at 7:30 p.m. with music starting at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20/\$18 Playhouse members and are available at Wildwood Music, [arcataplayhouse.org](http://arcataplayhouse.org) or (707) 822-1575.

## The beauties of nature captured and displayed at McKinleyville Art Night



**DAY'S END** Photographs by Al Bird will be on display at Grace Good Shepherd Church, which hosts an artist's reception during McKinleyville Art Night.

### MCKINLEYVILLE ART NIGHT

MACK TOWN – Come out to the community's celebration of local art and artists for music, food and fun at McKinleyville Art Night, this Friday, Feb. 19 from 6 to 8 p.m. The following venues will be hosting a bumper crop of local art:

**Blake's Books** 2005 Central Ave. – Artist-in-residence Tina Gleave shows silk scarves, shawls and silk paintings, with music by Harry Smith on keyboard and Patrick Cleary on bass.

**California Redwood Coast Humboldt County Airport** – View artwork by

Humboldt County artists at the long-term exhibit coordinated by the Redwood Art Association. The new exhibit features works by Shawn Gould, Joyce Jonté, Peggy Loudon, Kathy Stotler and Marceau Verdière.

**Cloney's Pharmacy** McKinleyville Shopping Center – Abstract expressionist paintings by Reuben T. Mayes. *Cloney's will not be open arts night, but will have Mayes' work displayed during the month of February.*

**Grace Good Shepherd Church** 1450 Hiller Rd. – Photography by Al Bird, an artist's reception with refreshments and music!

**McKinleyville Family Resource Center** 1450 Hiller Rd. – Bring your family out to a night of art and fun with special activities from 6 to 7 p.m. February is National Children's Dental Health Month! The RCAA TOOTH Program will be on hand to tell a fun story about dental health. Children's dental supplies will be available. Come prepared for a fun night for children of all ages.

**Timber Ridge** 1400 Nursery Way – "Art in my Work Boots," abstract expressionist paintings by Reuben T. Mayes, who will be there at work during Art Night!

McKinleyville Art Night continues to be the third Friday of each month and is open for all McKinleyville businesses to display the work of our local artists. For more information, contact coordinator Taffy Stockton at (707) 834-6460.

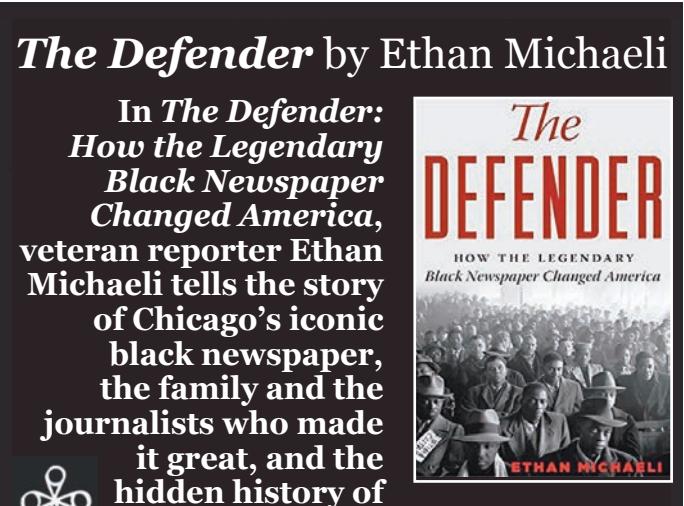
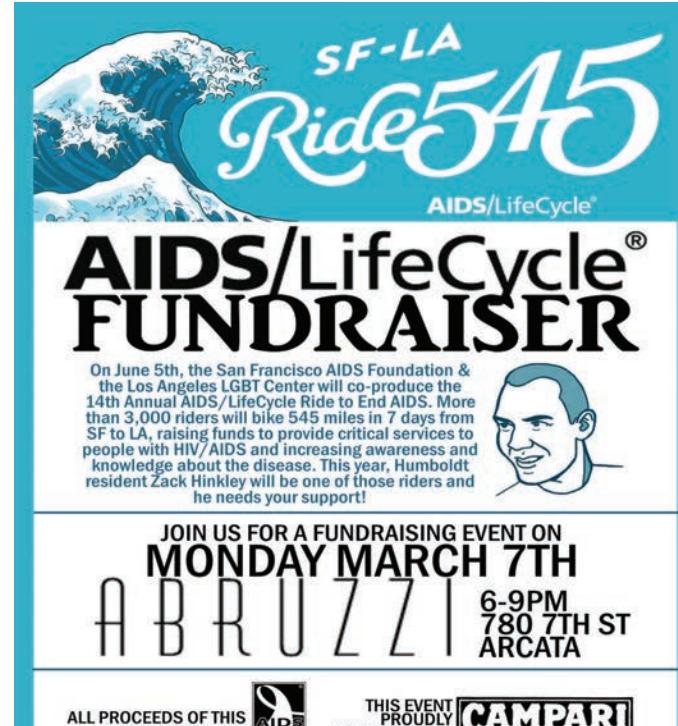


**OCEAN ROCKS** This work by Kathy Stotler is part of the new long-term exhibit at the California Redwood Coast Humboldt County Airport in McKinleyville.

You can find more information about the artists and venues and see additional images online at [mckinleyvilleartsnight.com](http://mckinleyvilleartsnight.com).



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## Arcata fishhouse is worth its salt

The Union office is in Jacoby's Storehouse, so I've been watching the construction of Arcata's newest seafood emporium next door with bated breath. I love seafood, and despite the proximity of a big giant ocean, we have very little on offer on this side of the bay. Now, I can just put on some stilettos and go grab me a lobster roll!

Salt is housed in a big clean white space, modern and comfortable. I was worried it would be too cold – I'm one of those perpetually cold people – but mercifully all was an appropriate 68 degrees.

We went sans rez on a Thursday at 6 p.m. and had no trouble getting a nice table. My dining companion was the mixologist from Abruzzi, so as a non-drinker I relied on his opinion of their cocktail list. I didn't have to taste the drinks to be impressed with their ingenuity. Tamarind simple syrup? Yes please! The bartender kindly provided us with a sample, and the peach-colored elixir emanated a fruitiness that, according to my chum, went just swell with the lemongrass-infused coconut vodka and lime that makes up the "Thai Me Up."

Were I a drinker, I'd have gone for the "75 Violets," a delectable-sounding mix of Hendrick's gin, creme yvette (a violet liqueur) and prosecco with a twist. I usually don't give a hoot about drinks, even in my more sauced days, but Salt's cocktail menu really is worth a couple of hoots. Those inventive drinks look like a real treat.

The menu isn't daunting. It helps to like fish, but there are some "turf" options, and a nod to vegetarians via risotto and "seasonal charred squash." If you don't eat fish, I don't know why you'd go eat at Salt, as it clearly isn't geared towards you. But if you have a vegetarian buddy – and who doesn't these days – then they wouldn't have anything to complain about.

If you do eat fish, then Salt has a nice selection of innovative and delicious starters, a few simply prepared and lovely raw choices, and a modern American selection of seafood mains, including

an interestingly Korean-style version of pop's favorite "surf and turf," updated to feature grilled seurgeon, asian pork belly and pickled vegetables.

I needed look no further than the lobster roll, which is pretty much the King of Food in my pantheon of chow, with a raw oyster with mignonette to start. My friend went with the charred octopus and salt cod fritters. After some confab with the chef, our waitress informed us that yes, the cod fritters were made with bacalhau (Portuguese dried cod), which is what I'd been hoping for.

The fritters did not disappoint, creamy mashed potato flavored with briny bacalhau proving the desired foil with the golden deep fried exterior.

The romesco sauce was a nice piquant way to cut the richness. The charred octopus, flecked with cumin and served with olives and sun-dried tomatoes, was blessedly tender. My raw oyster was cleanly served and deliciously sea-flavored, as a raw oyster was intended to be.

My lobster roll had the required amount of lovely sweet claw meat, piled on a toasted roll and served alongside a surfeit of thin cut fries, accompanied by a tarragon-infused mayonnaise, which really made my day, as an avowed tarragon groupie. The lobster roll is more Boston than Maine style, meaning the lobster is in a mayonnaise dressing with celery, and in this case cumin, unusually and perhaps superfluously. There was blessedly enough lobster, and the price seems well-justified.

There's a small but adequate number of "farm" dishes, like a grassfed burger and grilled NY strip steak, and I look forward to trying the fried cod and chips on my return. But the starters and cocktails are where Salt really shines. Get some grilled oysters, curried mussels, charred octopus and burrata (cream-filled fresh buffalo milk mozzarella) served with onion jam, and a margarita made with saffron-infused tequila, and any seafood lover will have a marvelous night.

Salt is located at 761 Eighth St., Arcata. (707) 630-5300, [saltfishhouse.com](http://saltfishhouse.com)



YAKA  
HICKEY HOOLA



**PATH OF THE LUMBERJACK** The College of the Redwoods Art Gallery on the Eureka Main Campus presents "Path of the Lumberjack: an HSU Invitational," an exhibition of artworks by current Humboldt State art professors and students. The exhibition pairs HSU professors, such as Barndice Guerra, whose "Early Bird" appears at left, with their current students to demonstrate the fruitful relationships that develop while teaching and learning the many complex skills required for effective and compelling art making. The exhibition opens Monday, Feb. 22 with a reception from 4 to 6 p.m. [redwoods.edu/departments/art/gallery](http://redwoods.edu/departments/art/gallery), (707) 476-4559

## HSU Percussion to bang a gong

### HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY

HUMBOLDT STATE – Three HSU ensembles bring the sounds of African drums and marimbas to Fulkerson Recital Hall – along with gongs, tin cans and random radio music – in a Percussion Showcase on Sunday, Feb. 21.

The HSU Percussion Ensemble plays these unconventional instruments in *Credo in US*, a mind-expanding modern work by experimental composer John Cage. He wrote it in New York in 1942, shortly after a western sojourn during which he befriended North Coast artist Morris Graves.

This piece also calls for an electronic doorbell buzzer, pre-recorded music and a piano, prefiguring what came to be known as the Cage style.

The showcase moves from the futuristic directly to the deeply traditional with the next two ensembles, the HSU Marimba Band and West African Drumming Ensemble. The Marimba Band performs two works

inspired by traditional tribal music from Ghana, and a third piece adapted from a Zimbabwe melody.

A marimba quartet performs *Omphalo Centric Lecture* by Australian composer Nigel Westlake.

The West African Drumming Ensemble performs a suite of the complex and highly rhythmic traditional drumming from that region, using only indigenous instruments. Joe Bishop, an HSU alum who has studied this music in West Africa, is the main drummer and directs the group.

Proceeds from this concert benefit the Humboldt Stage Calypso Band steelpan renovation and tuning project, a fund dedicated to refurbishing equipment for the future, during the Calypso Band's 30th anniversary year.

Tickets are \$8/\$5 seniors and children/free to HSU students with ID from HSU Box Office, (707) 826-3928, or at the door.

[HSUMusic.blogspot.com](http://HSUMusic.blogspot.com)

**BUY A BEER, FUND A FESTIVAL!** Join Godwit Days for Pints for Nonprofits Night at Mad River Brewery, 101 Taylor Way in Blue Lake, **today, Feb. 17**, starting at 5 p.m. Godwit Days connects people with nature through field trips, workshops, boat trips, and free community events. One dollar of every beer sold between 1 and 9 p.m. will support this 21st annual spring migration birding festival in mid-April. The Redwood Yogurt Boys will play bluegrass between 6 and 8:30 p.m. and food can be ordered from the brewery kitchen. And if you'd like to work off your brew beforehand by birding Blue Lake, meet at the brewery at 2:30 p.m. for a two-hour field trip (\$10 fee) with Gary Bloomfield. For more information, visit [godwitdays.org](http://godwitdays.org) or call (707) 826-7050.

**SCI FI PINT & PIZZA NIGHT** It's *Morons from Outer Space* (1985) and other psychotronic weirdness, trailers, short films and strange giveaways **today, Feb. 17** at Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. In this Brit sci-fi comedy, four invading aliens cannot really think their way out of a paper bag, much less conquer Earth. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the main feature starts at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free with \$5 minimum purchase of food or beverage. Parental guidance is suggested.

**FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT** Humboldt Literacy Project and the Eureka Main Library invite you to an evening of story-sharing at Family Literacy Night, **today, Feb. 17** at 6:30 p.m. at the Eureka Main Library, 1313 Third St. Children's Librarian Jeanine Lancaster leads this first-time event and invites kids and adults to tell a story we all know, learn a new story to tell and tell a story none of us knows until we tell it! Children get to pick a free book, generously donated by Tim Can Mailman, at the end of the event. Family Literacy Night is brought to you by First5 Humboldt and Humboldt Literacy Project. For more information about Humboldt County's only source for free, confidential, one-on-one English literacy tutoring for adults, call Humboldt Literacy Project at (707) 445-3655 or visit [humlit.org](http://humlit.org).

**DOW'S PRAIRIE GRANGE BREAKFAST** The monthly Dow's Prairie Grange flea market and pancake breakfast is on **Saturday, Feb. 20**. Breakfast will be served from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. The special this month will be French Toast in honor of the "language of love" and this Valentine month. Large breakfasts are \$5 and the small size is \$3. The flea market is open until 3 p.m. Vendors interested in renting a table should

call BJ at (707) 840-9878. The Dow's Prairie Grange is located at 3995 Dow's Prairie Road in McKinleyville.

**CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT** The Morris Graves Museum of Art, 636 F St., Eureka, presents a Chamber Music Concert on **Saturday, Feb. 20** at 2 p.m. featuring string, guitar and voice chamber music by faculty from the HSU Music Department. Don't miss this incredible concert!

**PUNK UP THE JAM** Humboldt Free Radio presents Imperial Destructo (skate rock from McKinleyville), Pisscat (garage punk from Sacramento) and Dead Drift (surf punk from Arcata) at The Jam, 915 H St., Arcata on **Saturday, Feb. 20** at 10 p.m. There is a \$5 cover for this 21 and over show.

**VEGAN POTLUCK** The Vegan Society of Humboldt invites the public to a Vegan Potluck, **Sunday Feb. 21** from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Humboldt Area Foundation, 373 Indianola Rd. in Bayside. This event's theme is "I Can't Believe It's Vegan!" Ideas of what to bring: lasagna, burgers, vegan cheeses, pizza, barbecue "ribz," mac-n-cheese, sushi, cakes, pies, brownies, cookies and

cinnamon rolls. Attendees are encouraged to bring a dish to share along with their own plates and utensils. Dishes should not include any animal-derived ingredients, including honey or gelatin. For more recipe ideas or questions visit the Vegan Society of Humboldt's Facebook page.

**HELPING OTHERS COPE WITH CANCER** Practical tips for helping loved ones cope with cancer will be discussed at Lifetree Café on **Sunday, Feb. 21** at 7 p.m. The program, titled "Loving Those with Cancer: How to Cope, Care, and Give Hope," features filmed interviews with a cancer caregiver and a cancer patient who both share insights they've learned while dealing with the disease. Lifetree Café is located at Campbell Creek Connexion on the corner of Union and 13th streets, Arcata. (707) 672-2919, [bobdipert@hotmail.com](mailto:bobdipert@hotmail.com), [lifetreecafe.com](http://lifetreecafe.com)

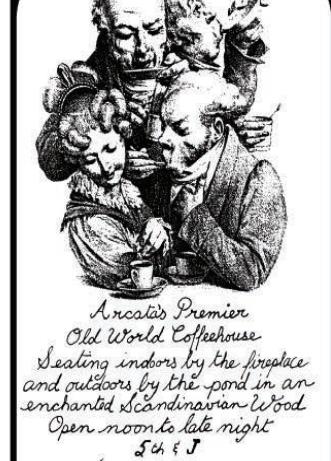
**AT THE ALIBI** upsidedowncross presents Southern Lord artists Acephalix (SF death metal/crust) featuring nHate from Ash Border/Servile Sect Golden Raven (Humboldt County noise) at The Alibi, 744 Ninth St., Arcata, on **Monday, Feb. 22** at 11 p.m. There is a \$5 cover for this 21 and over show.

VENUE	WEDNESDAY, FEB. 17	THURSDAY, FEB. 18	FRIDAY, FEB. 19	SATURDAY, FEB. 20	SUNDAY, FEB. 21	MONDAY, FEB. 22	TUESDAY, FEB. 23
Arcata Theatre Lounge 1036 G St., Arcata	6 p.m. • Sci Fi Pint & Pizza Night		9:30 p.m. Luck & Lana	7:30 p.m. • Random Acts of Comedy	5:30 p.m. • The Black Cauldron (1985)		
Blue Lake Casino 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake	9 p.m. Madi Simmons	9 p.m. • Karaoke w/ KJ Leonard	9 p.m. Money	9 p.m. • The Pete Ciotti Experience	9 p.m. • Karaoke w/ KJ Leonard		
Cher-Ae Heights Casino 27 Scenic Dr., Trinidad	all day Free pool		9 p.m. Backstreet	9 p.m. Dr. Squid	8 p.m. Karaoke w/DJ Marv	8 p.m. 8-Ball Turnney	8 p.m. Karaoke w/DJ Marv
Humboldt Brews 856 10th St., Arcata	9 p.m. Sean Patton			9:30 p.m. • California Honeydrops			9 p.m. Jeff Austin
The Jam 915 H St., Arcata	6:30 p.m. • Jazz 9 p.m. • Whomp	9 p.m. Raashan Ahmad	9 p.m. • Will Blades, Andy Coe and more	9 p.m. • Childhood cancer benefit	1 p.m. • TNB 9 p.m. • Sundaze	9 p.m. More Vibez Monday	9 p.m. Comedy Night
Libation 761 Eighth St., Arcata		7 p.m. Claire Bent	7 p.m. Brian Post	7 p.m. Jim Silva			7 p.m. Buddy Reed
Logger Bar 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake			9 p.m. Kindred Spirits	9 p.m. Peeping Thomas	6 p.m. Potluck dinner	all day Free pool	all day Ping pong
Mad River Brewing Co. 101 Taylor Way, Blue Lake	6 p.m. • Redwood Yogurt Boys	6 p.m. • Compost Mountain Boys	6 p.m. Cadillac Ranch	6 p.m. Opera Alley Cats			6 p.m. Blue Lotus Jazz
Redwood Curtain Brewery 550 South G St., Arcata		8 p.m. Scuber Mountain		8 p.m. Kingfoot			7 p.m. • La Musique Diabolique
Six Rivers Brewery 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville		8 p.m. • Thursday Night Bluegrass	9 p.m. Jimi Jeff Unplugged	9 p.m. • Jenni & David & the Sweet Soul Band	8 p.m. Trivia Night	8 p.m. Karaoke with DJ Marv	

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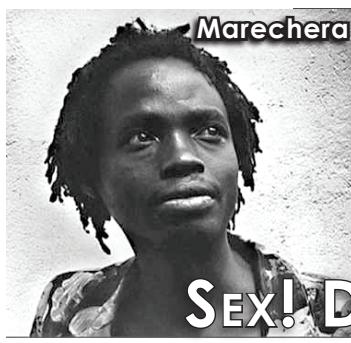


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The adapted works include:

• *Fuzzy Goo's Guide (To the Earth)* by Dambudzo Marechera of Zimbabwe: There is something frightening called society. It is the secret club of big human beings. What does it mean to grow big? How long can you resist it – and who will you meet along the way?



• *The Diaries of Anaïs Nin* by Cuban-French author Anaïs Nin: At age 11, Nin began what was to become her life's manuscript, whose groundbreaking erotic content made her a feminist icon of the 1960s in the United States. The adaptation explores a woman's quest for art in an erotic world.

• *The Prophet's Hair* by Salman Rushdie of India: Two siblings plot to rob their father in order to salvage what is left of their so-called perfect family.

*Sex! Death? Resistance.* opens this Thursday, Feb. 18 and runs in the Carlo Theatre, 131 H St. in Blue Lake, every evening at 8 p.m. through Sunday, Feb. 21. All student performances are pay-what-you-can, with reservations encouraged. To reserve tickets, call (707) 668-5663. Tickets will not be available online for this performance. Suitable for adult audiences only. [dellarte.com](http://dellarte.com)

## Celebrate McNeeley's 70th and archy the cockroach's centennial

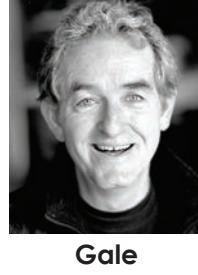
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ARCATA – Actor, singer, dancer and clown Gale McNeeley returns to Arcata with two shows at two venues on two nights.

The first performance on Saturday, Feb. 20 at 7:30 p.m. is at the SPACE, 92 Sunny Brae Center, and the second, on Sunday, Feb. 21 (which happens to be McNeeley's birthday) at 6 p.m. at The Crib, a private venue in Arcata.

The show will feature *archy and mehitabel* (the "poetic cockroach" and the "morally careless alley cat") as well as dozens of McNeeley's own unique and imaginative characters, both old and new. The shows promise comedy, poetry, songs and satire, as well as some unexpected guest performers! Besides celebrating McNeeley's 70th birthday, the shows also mark archy the cockroach's 100th.

Currently, McNeeley is on a national tour with his one-man *archy and mehitabel* show. "But my heart still lives in Humboldt County," said McNeeley. "It's where I want to celebrate my 70 years of life, playing the character's I love for old and new friends alike."



Gale McNeeley

A 1977 graduate of the old Dell'Arte School of Mime and Comedy, McNeeley has appeared in movies, television, Broadway musicals and regional theatre on both coasts. He is perhaps best known for

his original political satires and musical cabarets. His shows are full of wit, whimsy and wisdom.

Living in Humboldt County from 1976-1982, McNeeley was a founding member of the Kit-n-Kaboodle Clown Circus (as Captain Plunge!) performing with Jim Stephenson, Paul Kusterman, Hannah Lomden and Janice Culiford. They toured the Northwest from 1977 to

1981, adding performers Ira Seidenstein, Nadine Caracciolo, and Lee Strucker on the way.

In 1980, McNeeley was wooed away from clowning to play archy the poetic cockroach in the musical *archy and mehitabel* at the Pacific Art Center. At the same time, McNeeley taught musical comedy and clown at College of the Redwoods and Humboldt State. His advanced clown class became the Sweet Georgia Brown Clowns, which included Rudi Galindo, Erica Babad, James Floss, Rock Lerum, Jeani Armstrong and Doug "Dr. Ditto" Hilliard.

Each venue seats 49, so reservations are suggested. Contact The SPACE at (805) 406-4997 or The Crib at (707) 499-8516. If you haven't been to a Crib Concert, email [crib1251@gmail.com](mailto:crib1251@gmail.com) or call for details.

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PAGE POET Barbara Brinson Curiel writes outside of official narratives. SUBMITTED PHOTO

## Accommodating the possibilities

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HUMBOLDT – Poet and professor Barbara Brinson Curiel describes herself as a "page poet, not a performance poet."

Her writing style delivers short direct lines full of vivid imagery and deep emotional impact. Paradoxically, she is best known for her rather lengthy story poem "Mexican Jenny," which is also the title piece of her most recent book *Mexican Jenny and Other Poems*.

Curiel teaches ethnic/gender studies and creative writing at Humboldt State. In 2012, she was awarded the prestigious Philip Levine Prize for Poetry.

"Philip Levine, a poet of the American working class, taught many years at Fresno State and I admired his work tremendously," said Curiel. "I want people to see my work in a similar way. As someone who talks about working class experience, specifically from a Mexican-American woman's point of view."

A lot of Curiel's work is about gender, "but it's about challenges to conventional gender ideals," she said. "For example, 'Mexican Jenny,' the title poem, is based on a very sketchy historical story that I read about, this woman from Colorado who killed her husband in 1913, and her as a discredited woman, as a prostitute, as a sex worker."

"So in the poem I try to open that up, what does that mean? Does that mean she was a victim? Does that mean she was a woman using her agency to make her way in the world? In a lot of ways we look at people historically, a lot of those questions are unanswerable, and so in the poem, I try and accommodate all of those possibilities."

Her accommodation of all those possibilities led her to write three different endings to the story. "We do not know her voice, we do not know her version of events,

so it's open to interpretation," she said.

So what makes great poetry? "A clever use of language, and clever meaning that it's crafted very deliberately," answered Curiel. However, she added, "I think really powerful poetry evokes something in the reader. It helps the reader to put words to an experience or feeling that the reader may have had, so I think those are two things that I look for and struggle to accomplish in my own work."

"I think a lot of [my poetry] is accessible and accessibility is important in poetry – that it's not overly intellectual or abstract," she explained, a good poem "works in multiple registers."

Curiel started writing as a child. "I was lucky in that I had people who encouraged me to write. [It was] a tremendous gift." Today, she shares the gift, encouraging other writers to write about visceral memories or experiences with which their audiences will be familiar. "I have a lot of poems about food," she said. In the same way that food evokes a visceral memory connection with the reader, young writers can evoke that same connection when they "write about love, write about sex, or any kind of memory which is outside of official narratives," Curiel added.

Her advice to aspiring writers? "To write more," said Curiel. And then she added, "Keep writing, and then create or join a community. Those are the two important things. It's hard enough to write on your own, but to write without a community, makes it doubly hard."

Sharing work with other people and getting their feedback is crucial. "You learn to anticipate how people read your work," Curiel said, "that's really important. So I recommend students create their own writing communities or become part of an existing writing community."

Curiel has found her poetic community in CantoMundo, a national organization for Latino poets, in which she serves on the organizing committee. CantoMundo conducts a series of summer workshops for aspiring poets at the University of Texas at Austin; find out more at [cantomundo.org](http://cantomundo.org).

### Excerpt from "Mexican Jenny"

"He came at me  
like so many other times  
because the money  
didn't add up"

It was Christmas Day.

He was drunk.  
He said he would kill her  
but she grabbed the gun.

The sound of blows,  
curses, and broken furniture  
were nothing new in Poverty Gulch.  
No one came at the blast  
just as they hadn't come before.

– Barbara Brinson Curiel

**McKinleyville Art Night!**

Friday, February 19  
6:00 ~ 8:00 pm

McKinleyville Art Night will be Friday, February 19th, 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Join us for our community's celebration of local art and artists for music, food and fun. You can find more information about the artists and venues and see additional images online at [www.mckinleyvilleartsnight.com](http://www.mckinleyvilleartsnight.com).

**at the Airport:**  
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View artwork by Humboldt County artists at the long term exhibit coordinated by the Redwood Art Association. The new exhibit features work by Shawn Gould, Joyce Jonte, Peggy Loudon, Kathy Siotler and Marceau Verdier.

**Central Avenue East:**  
BLAKE'S BOOKS (2005 Central Ave.)  
Tina Gleave, artist-in-residence: silk scarves, shawls, and silk paintings  
Musical Guest: Harry Smith, keyboard and Patrick Cleary, bass

**Central Avenue West:**  
TIMBER RIDGE (1400 Nursery Way)  
Reuben T. Mayes: abstract expressionist show "Art in my Work Boots"  
Special Event: see the artist at work during Arts Night from 6-9 p.m!

**\*CLONEY'S PHARMACY** (McKinleyville Shopping Center)  
Reuben T. Mayes: abstract expressionist

**Hiller Road:**  
McKINLEYVILLE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER (1450 Hiller Rd.)  
Special Event: Bring your family out to a night of art and fun with special activities from 6:00-7:00 p.m. February is National Children's Dental Health Month! The RCAA TOOTH Program will be on hand to tell a fun story about dental health. Children's dental supplies will be available. Come prepared for a fun night for children of all ages.

**GRACE GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH** (McKinleyville Shopping Center)  
Al Bird: photography  
Special Event: Artist's reception with refreshments and music!

Sites marked with an \* will not be open arts night, but will have art work displayed during the month of February.

**McKinleyville Art Night!**

Meet the artists during McKinleyville Art Night! McKinleyville Art Night continues to be the third Friday of each month and is open for all McKinleyville businesses to display the work of our local artists. For more information, contact coordinator Taffy Stockton at (707) 834-6460.

## Speakers, seniors &amp; the seas

**A**riel Vergen, 16, a student at Northcoast Preparatory and Performing Arts Academy, won the 2016 Trinidad Lions Club Student Speakers Contest last week.

The topic, which was the same for all of the finalists – Ariel Vergen, Ursula Reynolds, Delaney Gaston, Kualli Nelli Major and Omar Gadzhiev – was “Liberty and Justice for All: What Does it Mean to You?” The speeches were 10 minutes in length and demonstrated much thought and preparation.

Ariel, who is interested in science, math, biology and performing arts, will advance to the next Multiple District Four California Lions competition to be held on Saturday, Feb. 27 at the Congregational Church in Eureka. The winner of that competition will advance further in a state contest. Scholarships are presented to winners.

Ariel is a poised and articulate student and a credit to her school and her family. Good wishes from Trinidad Lions go with her to her next competition.

## Cruise to the Aegean and Adriatic

Ann Walance will share her travel adventures to Montenegro, Athens, Croatia and Istanbul in the Trinidad Library Armchair Travel Series on Thursday, Feb. 18 at 7 p.m. at the Trinidad Library.

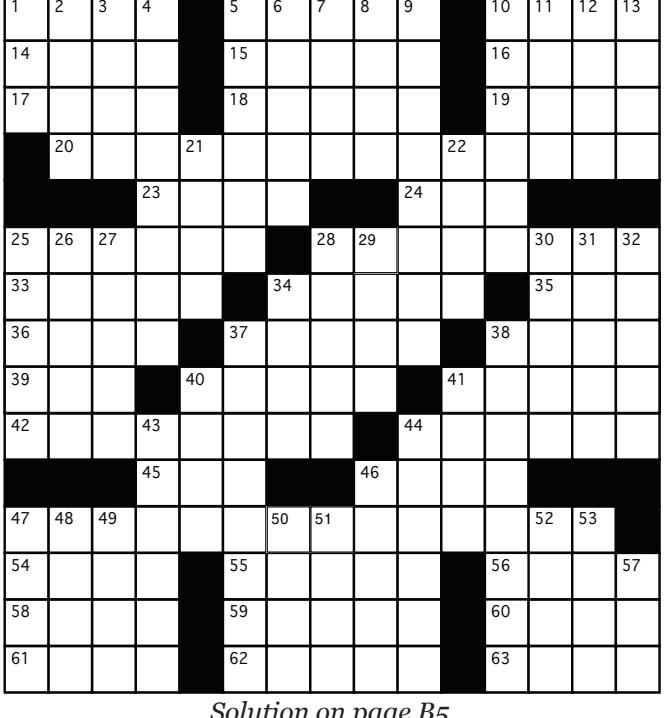
Ann cruised on the Aegean and Adriatic Seas last year and photographed



## CROSSWORD

## ACROSS

1. \_\_\_ a test; passed easily
5. Fragment
10. Sweet treat
14. Beverage
15. Singer López
16. Translucent gem
17. Physically fit
18. Like Cheerios
19. Sell on the street
20. Country whose capital is Port Moresby
23. Ending for Jean or Paul
24. Prefix for paid or view
25. Kidney problems
28. Undeveloped region
33. Wishes
34. Family groups
35. \_\_\_ pro nobis
36. Miffed
37. Sandal
38. Rat-\_\_\_-tat
39. Opposite of close
40. Supportive lift
41. Direction in a pizza recipe
42. Part of the brain
44. Trunks
45. Spanish gold
46. River in Italy
47. Bodybuilder of note
54. Mariner's direction
55. Black and lustrous
56. Unbalanced
58. Limerick writer
59. In an upright position
60. Bedtime on a school night, perhaps
61. Simple toys
62. Girl in Peter Pan
63. \_\_\_ Peter the Great



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## Redwood Coast Village

Redwood Coast Village (RCV), “changing the experience of aging in Humboldt County for the better,” will have its new membership

shopping and social activities; “helping hands” for light fix-it jobs, occasional pet care and home technology; lists of member-recommended plumbers, caregivers, etc.; social bulletin board for events and activities; “one-call help” with RCV services and referrals to other agencies, and “checking-in” personal daily phone calls if requested.

Call JoAnn Schuch at (707) 633-3772 for information about the program



**STUDENT SPEAKERS 2016** Finalists Ursula Reynolds, Ariel Vergen (contest winner), Delaney Gaston, Kualli Nelli Major, Lion Mike Pinske and finalist Omar Gadzhiev.

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organizational meeting on Saturday, Feb. 27 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at Trinidad Town Hall.

JoAnn Schuch, one of 12 members of the Steering Committee and an organizer of the Senior Action Coalition in the Area

1 Agency on Aging (A1AA), writes that Redwood Coast Village began in 2014 as an organization for seniors whose motto is to “Stay Active. Stay Independent. Stay Connected.”

The meeting is to introduce people from McKinleyville and north to the program, which is expected to open in mid-2016.

Some of the topics under discussion will be transportation to appointments,

or go to [redwoodcoastvillage.org](http://redwoodcoastvillage.org). RCV is a program of the Area 1 Agency on Aging, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Donations may be tax deductible.

## Third Friday Blues

Vocalist Dee Hemingway and bassist Eric Hann will entertain with a variety of tunes at Third Friday Blues on Friday, Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Westhaven Center for the Arts (WCA), 501 south Westhaven Dr. The duet pleases music lovers of all persuasions. If you have yet to enjoy their talent in this warm, intimate setting, take a listen. You'll want to hear more. Admission is a sliding scale of \$5 to \$10.

## Fourth Friday Flicks

*I Love You Again*, the Myrna Loy and William Powell screwball comedy classic from the 1930s, is WCA's film selection on Friday, Feb. 26, 7 p.m. selection. Call (707) 677-9493 for information. Admission is \$5.

Email Patti at [baycity@sonic.net](mailto:baycity@sonic.net).

## Heartbreakingly handsome lads

The shelter has a handsome little Coonhound in Rover, a neutered male, about 6 years old and on the smaller side at about 45 pounds.

Rover is all hound, complete with a hard-working nose and a hound's baying bark. Rover would not be a good fit for an apartment dweller, but for someone who wants a well-trained buddy for exploring, Rover's the one.

Rover knows sit, shake, down and possibly even more commands. He is easy to walk and loves the chance to get out and sniff out a trail.

Rover is very sociable and dog-friendly. He did just fine on our cat test, looking curiously at the cat, but just moving on, even when the cat gave him a big hiss. He is friendly and gentle with every human that he has met, and could do well in a home with children.



Rover is neutered, microchipped and up to date on all vaccines. He is available from the Humboldt County



**HOLY HOLSTEIN!** Danniel Farley, the “Tallest Steer in the World” hangs out with Ken and Ann Farley.

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caught wind of what was burgeoning here in Humboldt, a match made in heaven ensued.

So no need to worry about Danniel's future wellbeing; he'll be living like a king in a custom-made extra tall trailer. He'll be shown at state fairs in summer, like any show animal, and pastured the rest of the year in sunny Texas, eating grass and generally living the life of Riley.

The title “Tallest Steer in the World” is technically unofficial at the moment, until the folks at the *Guinness World Records* get over here in a few weeks and confirm what they believe is to be the record.

Meanwhile, Danniel has a little more time to enjoy palling around with Ken and Ann, who visit him regularly with bread, his favorite food. Aunt Helen had a standing order with Franz's for a weekly shopping cart full, and his enthusiasm hasn't waned since her passing. It was all I could do to stop him eating my loaf-colored leather purse.

The Farleys clearly have a special relationship with Danniel – he really is a pet, not a farm animal. Despite his almost frightening size, he's gentle and likes people.

The Farleys lead busy lives – Ken is a beef rancher in Ferndale, and Ann is an RN at Redwood Memorial, so that and insurance reasons mean Danniel isn't available for public viewing, but Danniel will be at the Utah State Fair in Salt Lake in September.

Who knows, maybe Mr. Strong Jr. will get him to a California State Fair in coming years. Meanwhile, we can rejoice knowing our little county has produced something so amazing and not weed-related.



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Luke

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Luke is neutered and current on his vaccinations. He is about a year and a half old and has had a consult/evaluation with a trainer. Please contact us at [redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com](mailto:redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com) or (707) 839-9692 if you are interested in meeting this cute boy.

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

**VINCENT ELECTRIC**

**2080 PILLOR DR.**

**MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519**

**VINCENT HUMBOLDT ENERGY CORP.**

**C3818859**

**2080 PILLOR DR.**

**MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519**

This business is conducted by: A Corporation

**S/NATHANIEL VINCENT,**

**OWNER/PRESIDENT**

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on DEC 30, 2015

**KELLY E. SANDERS**

**M. MORRIS DEPUTY**

<sup>1/27, 23, 2/10, 2/17</sup>

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

**16-000053**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

**STRICTLY NORCAL**

**1300 HAVEN LN. #4**

**MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519**

**JENNIFER R. BOWLER**

**1300 HAVEN LN. #4**

**MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519**

**BERT W. BOWLER**

**1300 HAVEN LN. #4**

**MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519**

This business is conducted by: A Married Couple

**S/JENNIFER BOWLER,**

**STRICTLY NORCAL**

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JAN 22, 2016

**KELLY E. SANDERS**

**A. ABRAM DEPUTY**

<sup>2/10, 2/17, 2/24, 3/2</sup>

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

**16-000040**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

**JUNE7TH**

**4519 EXCELSIOR ROAD**

**MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519**

This business is conducted by: An Individual

**S/ABRAM DEPUTY**

<sup>2/10, 2/17, 2/24, 3/2, 3/9</sup>

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

**16-000044**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

**STRICTLY NORCAL**

**1300 HAVEN LN. #4**

**MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519**

**JENNIFER R. BOWLER**

